Jan. 14. 1853.

Dear Sister Anna.

Thank you very much for your little note. I am going to answer it myself as you see; but I guess you will know it without me telling you. ___ I began to write this long letter last night. I have quite a cold so I did not go to school today but staid home and made molasses candy. When Henry came home he said he had a cold too, so he had some candy of course; and when father came

in, he pretended to cough and said, this cough is very troublesome. I took the hint and got him some candy. I guess you would cough too, if you were here, and could get some candy for it. Give my love to Johnny and Sissy. I wrote this all myself!

Eddy.

Remsens Feb 13 1854

Dear Anna.

I am going to write a few words to you, a very few too. I have got a bad cold so that I bark a good deal We have had a collection to get a gallon of molasses to make some candy. I have just been taking some bonset. Afternoon. I have been packed this afternoon Henry has got a colt from Tommy

Patter to break it perhaps you
have heard it befor but I thought
that I would tell you any way.
the colt gits along finely it is as
gentle as
a lamb. He gave $85 for it. I must close
because they are a going to send
it with Lewis Give my love to Jenny
Good bye

Eddy.

Remsen Feb. 18, 57.

Dear Anna

I have been to ~~prayer~~ meeting this evening, and when I reached home I found a letter from my sister Anna, it was ~~truly~~ a long expected letter I am very much obliged to you for remembering me.

I tried my best to get Sis to go to Galesburgh but ~~they~~ She would not take my advise.

Robbie is full of his tricks as ever, he calls most every body by name but Sarah, when we ask him to say ~~all her~~ ~~by~~ Aunt Sarah he will gap and when

we ask him to say Grand-pa Williams he will scowl like his Grand-pa

Sat. Eve. I did not feal like writing last evening, I was too full of fun and I fear that if I had attempted to write that it would be more than full of nonsense what do you think about it.

We received a ~~good~~ letter from Jennie to Cynthia this evening and one from N. Y. from Cynthia, did not know which to read first they decided to read the one from Cynthia first because it was the first she ever wrote from there

I intend to go to school next monday to Sarah Amelia but am not quite shure yet.

There is one thing that I should of told you before Obadiah Owens' family have gone out west to St. Louis I think, I have not heard from them since they started. they started the day before Mary and Cynthia started the first time when they went only to Remsen Depot.

I must close with love to you both

Eddie W. Everett

Tuesday

Dear Anna

Eddie has left this for me to put a little in Mary and Lis started on Monday and reached there on wednesday it took them one day longer to go than it took us in the fall, they found Elizabeth and

family well but they will
write to you, I am sorry for
your disapointment in not
having Sis with you
how is Jennie's hearing is
it any better and did she
get over her headache soon
how is your health both of
you how large is your school
this term, does Jennie have
much to do and how does
she stand it, how do you
get along with your studys
Eddie went to the village
yesterday but Amelia
has not comenced this term
they did not know if she would
he is busy folding bedquilts
we are in usual health
we all join in love to you both
your Affd Mother E Everett

Rensen Oct. 17, 1857.

Dear Sister Anna,

I thought I would write a few lines to you this evening because I want a letter from you, and I believe I promised to write first. Last thursday Johny Roberts came over here to see if I could go with him to Utica the next day to drive some sheep and one cow and a little calf. Father and Mother said I might go if I wanted to — of course I wanted to, in about an hour it began to rain like fun and kept it up most all night. — — I went over there that night, they didn't know what to do about going if it rained so the next day. — We got up before day-light and started about eight o'clock Mr. Roberts went with us as far as Trenton with a buggy and then we were left alone to go all the way afoot. We had twenty lambs and one cow and a white calf three weeks old wasn't it too bad to make the little thing

walk so far, it laid down ~~so far~~
a great many times on the road.

We went over the big hill instead of going around on the plank, we were sorry part of the time and glad the other part that we went that way.

It was about 4 o'clock when we got to the market. Johny told Cousin Henry that we wanted to come home that night, so he got some man to drive them up to the pasture. — The cars ~~were~~ started 20 minutes after 4 so we had to hurry like ~~fury~~ fun, we got down to the cars in time and came home that night; they did not ~~hardly~~ expect me home.

Tuesday Morning. — I left this last night ~~because~~ it got too late. — We have had the first snow storm of ~~the~~ fall. It is snowing now. I got a snow ball for the baby, he did not know what to make of it. —— Your poor plant is out yet but it has got an old coat on to keep the snow off. I got up twice after going to bed to cover it. We think of putting a box over it and

then putting a heap of dirt around it to keep it from frost in the winter, don't you think that would be a good plan, we might take one of the little roots in. I wanted to write to you before but I wanted to fix ~~the~~ your plant for winter first.

They have printed the first side of the first form and are printing the other side now. Georgie is rolling now, we roll ~~tes~~ every other. Now, Emil you write as soon as you receive this, and tell what your composition was about &c. Tell Jennie I am looking for a letter from her in the mail every day. — They are washing in the kitchin' to-day ~~and~~ so that I have to go and throw some water out & get some every now and then.

I must stop now because I have nothing more to say now. When you write ask Jennie how long a letter she would write if she got two one, and if you do as she would, Good-by with much love from home,

from your brother Eddie.

Ronsen, Oct. 28. 1867.

Dear Sister Anna,

I received your letter about half past 3 this afternoon, it was rolling and so I had no time to read it although it came from Anna. I have been robbing nearly all day and are a little tired.

Griffith Jones has had a very bad cold and has been quite sick but is nearly well now, so Georgie and myself has had to do the robbing. Have just got through printing the third form, we have folded 7 hundred of the first form.

You wanted to know if I didn't wish that I was out there when we were going over the big hill. I did really wish I was out there not so as to get rid of the big hill but to see my two sisters, that are out west.

Sarah says that their is some good in haveing you away, so we can have letters from you and so I can learn to write, don't you think I am improveing? — I guess you will have enough of snow before long, if you don't just send me notice and I will put some in a letter and send it do you, that snow has all gone before this time. — I have taken one root of your plant in it is getting along finefully — I should be delighted to see one of those emigrant wagons that you spoke of in your letter. — What time do you get up in the morning generaly, I get up when Father calls me, I should think you had to get up pretty early if you attend the calisthenics exercises in the morning. — Tell Cora that her letter came safe to Rollie, he was glad to get it I guess because he kissed it, I thought when I saw it that it was from Kansas but how it could of got into your hands I couldn't make out.

Of course I think I could write a composition on that subject because I have not got to do it. —— It is lonesome here at home without you whether it is more quieter or not. I wish you could step in here for a few minutes just enough to say how do you do and good buy &c. — I am so tired I hardly know what to do but I can't stop writing either. — Eliza has gone home she went a week ago last friday. so Sarah and Dio are the only girls home. The baby weighs 25 pounds don't you think he is a chunk.

Uncle Henry was up here to-day, he thinks that Lizzie is weaker, the Doctor gives but little encouragement.

Give my love to Jennie and except a bunch yourself from E. M. Everett.

Remsen, Dec 12th 1861.

Dear Anna

I am sorry I have neglected to write to you so long but you see I must have my time when I write and that is something that is scarce with me nowa days. I have intend to write to you for a long time but I have had to go to the P.O. Office oftener than I used to so that my evenings are pretty well occupied; now Anna please excuse me this time

Last evening the girls and I went down to Jane's to a goose supper, it was a cold, clear moonlight evening, the ground was bare and frozen the walking was excelent and we had a very pleasant visit. They are all well the children scared it angry themselves as much as any of us, Maggie has a bad

very much since you saw her, she is quite timmid, and thinks a great deal of her Mother.

Father and Mother have gone to Prospect to attend the "Quarterly Meeting". They went in the buggy, and will come home until after the evening meeting, I supposes.

I work in the office now, what time I have besides doing the chores. I am not going to school this Winter, but hope to go next Fall, and perhaps attend a whole year, I shall learn so much more by going two or three terms in succession. Father wants me to study Latin this Winter at home, so as to get a start in that.

We have a good singing school in the Village this winter. Charles Tuttle is the teacher, they have about fifty many Sarah and I have joined, we have not been there but once, and then Mary went with us, we liked the school very much

We got a letter from you last evening to Mother stating that you mean to

come home next week or the week after. I am glad you are coming so soon—hope you will come in time to help haul the Gen. off, last time we sent one bag off Sat. morning and the rest Mon. morning so it made two days a hard tugging, we wanted just one more hand to tie I asked Father if he wouldn't please call Anna to tie for us but alas! she was too far off so he took the hint and went to work at it himself, I was sorry for him he was so tired before he commenced.

When you went away I hadn't got the potatoes dug, but since that Mr. H. has been here and pushed the work ahead and now we have got all thro' plowing thrashing and all and are ready for snow. We have had some excelent slaying but it has all gone ere this.

We didn't have but about three bushels of apples from our orchard this year, we have not bought any, so you see you

must not calculate on having many
when you get home. We don't have
any swarms bees this winter so we need
it. Sarah has a good stock of jump=
kins laid up for winter use she won't blieve
that they will rot before she uses half of
them. You spoke upon Mr. Northrups
pigs in your ~~letter~~ letter. I should like
to see them it must take a good deal to
feed so many. You see my ease is
getting low. I must stop and distrib=
ute pretty soon. I hope that I shall
have more to say when you get home. Please
write soon in answer to this Good Bye
Much love from your brother C. W. Everett.

Turin, March 28th 1866.

Dear Sister Anna,

I received a letter from Cynthia last night and will now answer it by writing, not to her but to some body else, as most I believe she gave me that privilege a while ago. I am so glad she has decided to come up here this summer. I hope she will like it here very much. I will do what I can to make it pleasant for her. Mr. Roberts will let her know when she can begin. Not until after the snow drifts have thawed away I have not seen him yet

I am glad to hear you are
better and of your "discharge."
Hope Dr. T. may help Mary's
head. It would be a great blessing
to her if she could be cured of it.
Homeopathy is not all a sham.
Our meetings are increasing in
interest. There seems to be no
excitement about the meetings.
But the "still small voice" seems
to be speaking to the consciences
of each one. Last Sabbath
eve. Villerin took part in the
meeting and has resolved to take
up the cross and serve God. Two
others "came forward" the same
evening. Pray that this interest
may continue and increase.
And that at a time when there
is so much said and done
and when there are so many
evils to shun may not be side-

I have changed my boarding place. I am now boarding at Mrs. Vanknoughnetts' (son in law of Mr. Riggs) in the house adjoining the store. I commenced today. I think I will like it there very much.

It must be lonesome at home now without John and Frank. Let me know when you hear from them. Have you got any body then yet to work? Are you folks going to send their milk to the factory this summer? I hope Father will not rent the farm. When I commenced writing this letter I thought I should fill the sheet "brim full" but I find I have said the whole I have to so I will not string it out. Now Anna write to me if it is only a short letter. Our reading

Circle is to be tonight, and as it is most to go I must close. Give my love to all at home and inquiring friends if you wish.

Your affectionate friend
brother E. M. Everett.

Turin, May 3 1866.

Dear Sister Anna

I commenced an answer to your letter Monday but as I did not finish it I will commence again hoping to have better success I need not say I was very glad to get your letter and to get that poetry from Sarah. Tell her I will now wait patiently for a letter from her.

Rev. Mr. Hall stopped here last Sabbath on his way to his new charge at Norfolk St. Lawrence Co. Mary and Ida rode with him. They did not suppose they would be united with any one in Turin until they came into the store Saturday

evening and send me. They put up at the hotel over the Sabbath. I had a very pleasant visit with them Monday. The girls wished to be remembered to our folks. Ida spoke of Cynthia in particular and said she would answer her letter at her earliest opportunity.

We have a bible Class at Mr. Parsons' Room every Monday evening to study and comment on some particular subject in the Bible. These meetings are very good and they bring a good many of the young folks together to talk about the bible &c. I wish you could attend them. I know you would enjoy them very much. I have got a great many things to say to you but I must be short, or the letter

will not go in the morning.
I have just Recd a letter
from home but have no
time to read it before closing
this. We are very busy now
every day. Please send me
3 of the Arwenydd and
3 of the Cards and I will
pay next time I write.
I saw Tommie Roberts
last evening she said his
father has not got back
yet any teacher yet. We
are both quite well. I
will write more soon
Much love from
Brother Eddie

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Lunn, Aug 24th 1866.

Dear Anna

I think my safer way will be to answer your kind letter rec'd. this A.M. and mark it 'answered' and then there will be no mistake about it. I propose that hereafter ~~that~~ each one shall pay their own debts in answering letters.

I did not go to the Lake Tuesday as I had intended but it was postponed until next day. It rained very hard in the morning but as soon as it stopped we rigged up and started

3) mistake

you. The weather has not exactly settled but I think the rain is about played out. Any way we have become so accustomed to rainy weather that we can manage very well. I am afraid if you do not come now that you will not come at all. If you were well enough we would go over to Brantingham. I know you would enjoy that and Cynthia and I would too. I have not seen Cynthia since a week ago to-night. I took some cold going to the falls and a toothache followed commencing Sunday morning. After enjoying(?) that till Tuesday eve. I concluded to have it (the tooth) out. After trying five times and each time

We reached the Lake about two in the afternoon. It was very pleasant then. After eating a good dinner of venison &c. about three o'clock (for we had good appetites by that time) we enjoyed ourselves very much in riding in the sail boat and rowing in the little boats &c. The evening was calm with bright moonlight and I enjoyed rowing by moonlight more than any thing else. Most of the party (18 in number) stood 'til afternoon but I and three others started for home after breakfast, having had our sport out a little in advance of the others.

Anna I wish you and some of the rest could come up here now. I think we could make it pleasant for

breaking off a piece the Doctor said he could do no more then I had to leave the rest in with the ache still there only ten times worse. It did not ache long and now it does not trouble me at all.

Katie Jones (Hugh T. Jones' daughter) is up to here now she came up some day last week. She is expecting her father up soon.

I must close now or not mail this letter til to-morrow. Love to all at home. Write again soon.

Your brother

Eddie

Union Jan. 14th 1867.

Sister Amanda and all

I suppose you have got a good scolding laid up for me for not coming to the donation after writing that I was coming. Well, I suppose I will have to take it but perhaps you had better wait until I come home. Cynthia came up here last Thursday as you know and went up on the hill and probably would have been there yet had not heard that she was there and some of them went up after her. Thursday night and she came down with me and I went to attend the S. S. Concert. I was very glad to see her and I guess on the whole she was glad to see me. I will not attempt to [illegible] of the [illegible]

We have done that in the 11th.
I would like to write you a good
long letter now, but am interrupted
when I am writing this, but
we have heard about this evening.
I have not time for more

Ed W Everett

Iowa, Aug. 2, 1867.

Dear Sister Anna

I have not sent any of the things that were sent for, with Laura, as I did not wish to cause him any unnecessary trouble and thinking it would be as well for me to bring them when home. I have been expecting to hear from you to know when you thought we had better start East. I hope you are feeling better than when I was home and feeling

companions for the journey.
What do you think of the
time I proposed in my
last? I should like
to start from here as
early as a week from
next Monday, that 12th inst.
and start from home
Tuesday. If you would
prefer any other time
please let me know. Our
Convention is to be the
29th inst. and 30th inst. &
I should like to get
back in time for that.

Yesterday afternoon
it was very quiet in
town, so few of us
in the village went
up to the Fair Ground
to have a game of

Base Ball, there all
quite green at the game
as that First-Nines were
not allowed in the game.
After playing hard
for three hours, and
having a good time
we returned to our
quiet streets very much
refreshed and somewhat
tired. Today however
I have felt quite old
and lame. This
afternoon, thinking
that the heat of the
day that hit us would
cure us a number
of us went up again
to play for a little
while. But I have
concluded that I would

for lameness is one
Allopathic prescription
It operates as their medicine
frequently does, making
the patient worse.
I am so lame to-night
that I can hardly walk
or even write as you can
see.

I hope to hear from
home to-morrow eve.

Yours truly

E. V. Everett

P. S. Please [illegible]
blessings of mother, sister
& home for the children. I am
lonesome. Think I shall go home

Turin, Aug. 17th 66.

Dear Sister Anna

Do I owe you a letter or do I not? if not I shall expect a good long one from you soon. My motive in writing to you is a selfish one, that is, to see if I can not coax you to write me one in return. I wish I was only a mile from home to-night so that I could come home and have a little chat. But we must make the most of the medium of communication that is within our reach.

I must tell you about

the festival I attended last evening at Lyons' Falls. It was to come off Wednesday evening but as it rained all day and was so unpleasant in the evening it was postponed 'till the next eve. We went down however the first eve. but finding it was postponed did not stop. The entertainment was got up by the ladies of Lowville for the benefit of the Episcopal church of that place. It consisted of Tableaux, Charades, &c (which were very fine) It was at a private house or rather in the grove in front of the house with an enclosure (like any show) and seats arranged for the audience. The air was clear but rather uncomfortably cold to sit out doors for any time

and a half. After the performance was over we had refreshments, Ice cream, Cake, Tea & Coffee &c. The two latter were the most appropriate for the weather. I forgot to mention that the Band from Carthage were in attendance and played. Either the out door exercises or the weather were a little out of season. But on the whole we had rather a pleasant time. The scenery about the falls is very fine and romantic looking it by moonlight. I had never been there before. Next week there is a contemplated of us going to the Lake if the weather is favorable. We intend going Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs Roberts stopped here this P.M. on their way home. I am much obliged for that book. It is after ten and time I should be to bed. Good night. Do not forget to write to your

Brother Eddie.

Turin, March 17th. 1868.

Dear Sister Anna

I feel just like having a visit with you at home to-night. I would give a little more to be home to-night than I ever would before since I have been in Turin. (Ah, a little home-sick I guess) yes just a little. But pardon me for that. Well, we will have a little chat on paper if you please. It is just nine o'clock, and I have just returned from the lodge. I wonder what the subject is at home. I suppose you are all sleepy and preparing to retire, but I won't detain you long. I have not heard from you for a long time but hope you are all well as usual. We are losing our snow very fast. The roads are horrible and almost impassible

I am learning to telegraph. What do you think of that? The office is the next door to the store and I go in evenings after closing the store to practice. It affords an amusement and perhaps it will come handy for me to know how sometime. The operator here has a brother in the Telegraph office at Ogdensburg and they frequently hold conversation over the line. This of course is a little better than corresponding by letter sometimes. The operators frequently talk with each other in this way and become acquainted without ever seeing each other.

How is your health this spring? Do you think you could walk half the mile to catch the train if the cars should go off and leave you? I don't think I should try it. I often think of our adventures last summer and it affords me not a little amusement to think of what was then not very agreeable.

I think next time we had better go west for you know we want something new. Where is cousin Ottie? Do you not expect her to visit you soon? Have you heard from Mary lately? I have not heard from her in a long time, and she is owing me a letter. When does she expect to come home? Do you play much on the melodeon now a days? Have you ever heard that piece entitled "The little barefoots"? It is a fine piece and you ought to have it.

I guess you will get tired in answering all my questions so I had better draw this letter to a close or I shall be putting in some more. I wish you would write to me if it is only a short letter. I fear my sisters are getting out of the notion of writing, or else they are directing their epistles in another direction. Good Night.

Your brother Edelbert.

Lewis N. Y. Dec 29, 1868.

Rev R. Everett

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Chgd to acc.

Lumin, Dec. 30th, 1869.

Dear Anna

I am back in the store again, feeling much refreshed for having a visit with you all. I think I staid home just long enough this time, don't you? only I should have been better satisfied if I had taken you out for a short ride. I found six passengers for Lumin in the cars besides myself, among them John W. Jones Ed. of Dyer who spoke at the Donation of Rev. Thos M. Owens last evening. Mr. O. got $83. at the donation, Tonight I have been at Rev. Mr. Isaac's donation at Collinsville. It was held in church. He got $1.26. It is a beautiful moonlight eve.

I have just returned it is most twelve but I must write this letter before I retire.

When I got back from home I found one upstairs occupied by an artist. Mr. Bowdish who has been here several times before so may be I will send you my carte in my next letter.

I enclose bill of goods which I sent to the Falls this A.M. The box will probably be at Ransom as soon as this letter. The freight is paid. I hope the furs will suit you. The skirt I described to Jennie was sold but I have sent one of the same kind only another color. I put in a pair of Rub. Boots for Sarah I think she told me to, but I did not have them down

on my paper. Did the best I could with gloves, ditto with all the goods. If there is anything that does not suit send it right back or leave it at the depot and write me so that I can have Mr. Lewis get it when he comes back from Utica. He will probably come Sat. morning.

Accept lots of love for you all. Hope you are asleep as I ought to be. Pleasant dreams and be happy morrow is my wish to you

Eddie.

Lurin, June 20th 1869.

Dear Sister Anna

Last Monday I received a letter from you and Cynthia, and also one from Jennie. I answered Jennie's and know that I ought to have answered yours before this. I saw Miss Dond of Rome last Friday, who has come to visit her friends in Lewisboro, and she told me that she saw Cynthia on her way home, so I must write you a letter and her another in order to answer yours. Miss Dond told me that you was improving. Hope you will be well enough soon to make me a visit. I think it would

to you good. I expect Cynthia will come up soon, perhaps this week. I hope we shall have some warm weather soon. We have not had one warm sabbath this spring. We have been thinking some of an excursion for our Sabbath School but have about concluded to wait until Summer. We will not go to Trenton Falls this summer as we did last. How long do you exped to stay in Rome. Hope you will be at home when I come. do not think I shall come until about the middle of July. T. J. Lewis is going to Brown's Tract fishing next week to be gone two weeks, so I cannot come until he returns.

Monday Eve. I am glad to know that you have succeeded in selling a melodeon. Have the Evans' people got an instrument? Did you hear Miss Rees lecture? I am very sorry that I did not hear her. Will make an effort to do so if I ever have another opportunity. I have heard a great deal said in praise of her.

When is Mary expected home? Cynthia wrote me that she was well and happy when they last heard from her, and Jennie wrote the same of her. Well, I can say the same of myself. I do not know that I ever enjoyed myself more than I have this spring.

I must close this now and write to Cynthia. Write to me soon, please if you feel well enough.

Please accept much love from your brother Eddie

[illegible], N. S. 7-24-48.

Lurin July 28 1869.

My Dear Anna,

I know I ought to write to you but don't know just what to say. Well I can say, "I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well and enjoying good health and hope this will find you the same &c. &c." But such stuff has been written and re-written too many times, besides this age requires something new. But I am writing at random and such trash will afford you no pleasure.

I returned to Lurin Thursday eve, the next day after I left you after spending a very pleasant

little vacation, and a very profitable one for me for I am feeling much better than I did. The letter I took from your box got burned when I was at home. not however until Cynthia had got hold of it and read it, so you see I cannot send it back to you if I would, I will promise not to take this away from you. I found your letter when I returned and it had not spoiled a bit. I shall endeavor to be here to receive the next one you write when it comes. Now will you come to see you yet? I suppose you intend to go home this week. Don't forget to get a copy of the Golden Era. Mr. Dwight Williams of the firm of Evans, Williams & Co., Rome was here today. Also Sol. Evans. so you see we hear from Rome

once in a while. You had better keep pretty straight or I shall hear from you. Are you still improving? Wonder if you have called on Miss Fanny since. You ought to go into the new Methodist church before you come home. I just stepped in as I was coming in the other night but had no time to stay. Got my ticket and got aboard just as the train started.

I have been out riding most all day and I think it has done me lots of good. I wish you was here so that you could take a ride with me once in a while.

Last Monday (~~Saturday~~) Mrs Dr Dewey, she that was Mary Hart, was buried. Perhaps I spoke to you that she was

very sick when I left.- We
shall miss her very very much.
She was one of our best Sabbath
school teachers, and one beloved
by all who knew her. But
she has gone, and we must
submit to the will of Him who
is wiser than we.

Remember me very kindly
to Mr. & Mrs Evans and Miss Mabry
also to Miss Fanny Moore, Mary
Dond and all my friends in
Rome

Accept much Love
yourself. I shall hope to hear
from you soon

Your affectionate bro.
Eddie.

Ivesin, Oct. 4, 1869.

My dear Anna

I have been watching the mail ever since my return for a letter from home, but in vain. Perhaps I do not deserve one but I have written home once since then. I guess you think I ought to be punished for not getting those peaches in Utica. I think under the circumstances I am excusable. They were very scarce and high and I expected Mon to order a crate for you the same time as we ordered some for the store, but I am glad I did not if you should have such luck as we did. Enough on the peach question.

Enclosed please find two notes for the money I borrowed of you and father. — Now as the Cen. is out I hope some of you will find time to write to me. I received a letter from Mary Sat. eve. It is a little doubtful about her coming home. They are having a preliminary round of lectures and she is quite anxious to stay and attend them. I must write to her to night.

I must tell you of the accident that I met with this eve. I did not go to tea until after dark, and when I came out of the house after tea it was very dark and rainy and so that I found it difficult to find the gate, but — when once on the sidewalk I thought I was all right, but for some reason or another I started to run perhaps

it was because I disliked to be out in the rain and darkness All at once I was arrested by a tall and newly erected hitching post coming in contact with my face. I immediately stopped but just a little too late so I repaired without delay to the doctors office which was but a few steps, and found that both of my lips were quite badly cut. Rather an unpleasant occurance just now, but I hope they will soon heal so as not to interrupt our plans.

I am anxious to know how you are getting along. Hope you are getting well fast and that I shall see you in Lusin next week. What is the prospect? Let some one of you break the silence and write to me soon.

Yesterday was communion Sabbath with us. We did not have a sermon but the whole service was devoted to the sacramental ordinance. I never saw the service conducted in that way before but I liked the change. We did not have our S. S. Concert last eve. It was postponed until next Sabbath eve on account of the weather.

I learned by way of Mr. L. Williams, after returning that Cynthia would go South to teach this winter. I think it is over she did not mention it to me, but she forgot to do so I suppose. Is she really in earnest about it?

Good night — love to you all at home, and hope to see you soon

From your brother

Eddie.

Sumi, Nov. 26, 1869.

My Dear Anna

I am very sorry that your letter, which should have been answered immediately, has been ~~delayed~~ neglected so long. Hope it has not inconvenienced you. I would advise you to write to the firm and claim a damage on the instrument (be sure that that claim be large enough to make it good,) and state to them that if they do not see fit to make the proper deduction (which can be done at the time you order any the instrument, if you do so) that you do not want to sell any more of their instruments

You can say that you have an order for an other instrument (if you have one) as that will be an inducement for them to do what is right with you. If they warrant their instrument for five years you can compel them to take back the instrument but perhaps the course I have named would be the best to pursue. If you would like the agency for another company I can get them to send for you.

I will enclose this with a letter from Mate which she commenced last week. She has been staying up here with her sister Libbie for a few days. I have not been successful in finding a house until today and now there are two that I can have, (both quite different) but we have not yet

decided which to take. I think we will commence house-keeping about a week after next.

I wrote to Cynthia and to Mary last Sunday. It is a long time since I heard from Mary. Do not keep me posted about her.

I am alone in the store this evening. The boys have both gone to Collinsville to hear the Glee. It is to sing in the Presbyterian church here next Monday evening. We are making some little preparation for Christmas. The teachers of our S. School met last evening to talk ~~out~~ about and arrange for a tree. We have decided to have one but have not decided upon the evening. The Methodist school are to have theirs on Christmas eve. If we get settled by that time you can make your

calculations to visit us about that time. If you come I will see that you have a present on the tree.

I think Robbie is perfectly at home in Lusin — says he likes the school very much. I think he ought to for they have a good school. They have just purchased a Cab. Organ for the school worth $100. I have not visited the school yet.

Love to you all.

Please write soon. I am very sorry that I did not write to you immediately as you requested but I have had so much to think of that I was not aware that I was neglecting you so much

Eddie,

P.S. If you have an old form of the last Cen. with those english views in please cut them out and send them to me E. M. E.

Tuin, Dec, 10, 1869,

My Dear Anna

I received your kind letter this morning. I was very glad to get it, but it made me feel guilty that I had not written to you oftener of late. I am just on the eve of opening a new line of business. I expect the new firm will commence actual business to morrow. We have rented a part of Mrs Ragan's house - the pleasantest place in the village for a part of a house. You see I will be right at home. We are to have the three south rooms (Sarah can explain) the sitting room where the piano was which we shall use still as a sitting room, the south wing, which we shall use as a kitchen, and the bed room that Mr & Mrs Schell occupied, for our bed room. In the summer we can occupy the summer kitchen as such, and we can have a spare

room up stairs if we want it. The sitting room is heated by the furnace so we shall need but one stove. We shall have good clean room and in fact all the room we shall need to make us comfortable Mr & Mrs S are going to move west about the first of Feb. so there will be no one in the other part of the house but Mrs. Ragan and Helen. I think we were very fortunate in obtaining this place. I need not say we expect to be very happy here. I expect Nate will come up to stay tomorrow afternoon.

Last Friday eve George Allen came up and got Robbie to go home with him to visit Nate had company that eve. so I went down before tea and we spent a very pleasant evening. Emory Allen's people, two cousins came in a load eight of them in all, Carlos and sister Libbie and their little boy and baby three months old. Robbie stayed till Sunday. I guess he enjoyed his

visit and the frolic of Saturday killing geese.
He brought me a letter this noon that he
had just received from Cynthia, which I have
just been reading. Pierce and Clara are visiting
here now as of course you know. They went up
on the hill last night and are there now.
William started to N. Y. this morning. We are
not going down again this winter. We have
a full stock of goods and are having good trade
Are selling more goods than we sold last year.
It is after eleven but it seems as though I
could and ought to sit up all night to answer
my neglected correspondents but guess I'm out.
Do not know what has become of that little Matie
wrote to you. Supposed she had mailed it long ago.
Hope you and Sarah and all the rest will visit us
this winter. We shall be ready to receive company
very soon. You will miss Robbie very much
when he is gone. Hope I shall see him
before he goes. Suppose you bring him with
you when you come up to see us.

Sarah can get a pretty good set of Mink Furs for $35 or Squirrel for $12 or good imitation Mink for $9 or if she only wants a muff she can get it for half the above amounts. Of course they will be cheaper after the holidays. If she ~~tells~~ likes I will get them for her when I have a chance if she can tell what kind and just what she would like. I should think if she wants something nice that she had better get a set, Collar & muff. Wonder if you have forgotten my skis yet. Guess they had better be sent by Express. Don't forget to write.

I must bid you all good night with

love from your brother

Eddie.

Turin, Feby. 17, 1870.

My Dear Anna

Suppose you are safe at home again, all right - I hope. I shall hope to hear from you by to-night's mail. Hope you are feeling better after your visit. Wish you could have gone over the river with me so as to see the Falls. I never saw them when they looked so nicely as they did yesterday. The ice looked like rough spray. I think Niagara must look grand in the winter. And then you ought

to see L. R. Lyon's new house
that is going to cost nearly
One hundred thousand Dollars
when finished. There it
stands, with the largest
barn in the state, on land
~~the~~ so poor that it is said
crows will sicken and die
by flying over it. It seems
like a monstrous piece
of foolishness to lay out
so much money on
such a house and barn
in such a place as this.
Mr Lyon, you know about
last year, before the house
was completed but he
left provisions in his will
that the house should be
completed according to

is designs.

He did not go to the surprise party. When I got home I found Libbie visiting with Nate. She spent the evening with her, and they made another Wall Basket i.e. got it nearly put together. Nate has been washing to-day. It is nine o'clock and I must go and get the mail and go home. All well. Hope you will. Some of you write soon that we may know how you all are.

Love from us both

E. W. Emett

P.S. Did you have any trouble with the box?

Turin. Oct. 6, 1870.

Dear Sister Anna,

Perhaps you are wondering what might be the occasion of our long silence in not writing home. Well, I have no excuse only <u>business</u>. We have not heard a word from home since you and Cynthia left us. Suppose you have heard from Cynthia, have you not? Where is Mary now? Has she gone to N. Y.? If so please send her address as I would like to know where my sisters are, even if I never do write to them. I think I wrote you once since you left us.

If you did not receive the
letter perhaps it was not written,
—only contemplated. We were quite
disappointed in not seeing father
and mother here to attend
the meeting. Hope they will
not give up coming to see us.
We had no meeting at
our church last Sabbath.
Rev. Mr. Williams & wife have
gone to visit her parents in
Michigan and our church is
undergoing repairs. Papering
and painting in the absence
of Mr. Wurst

We have added one of
the Singer Sewing Machines to
our household comforts and
conveniences. Mate likes it
very much. It is a great
deal of company for her
besides being a great help.

Johnnie and Gina are still boarding but expect soon to go to housekeeping in a part of Will. Whites' house.

Did any of our folks go to the State Fair? Suppose you did not- go. A great many went from here.

Will. Williams is a little better than when you left, though he does not sit up much yet. Hope he will have no more draw backs.

I hope we may hear from you soon to know how you all are. How did you stand the trip home from here. Hope the visit did you good and that you will repeat it before it get cold weather. When is Jennie going to write to me again? I'll be waiting for

me to write?

Our building is progressing slowly. We find our stove very pleasant and convenient.

Write soon or have Jennie write. Love to you all from us both.

Your aff. Bro.

Eddie

July 2nd 1872.

Dear Sister Anna

Rember I have been looking for a letter from me since you went home. I have thought of you all a good many times since then if I could write. I have Wearne & Charlie commenced two weeks ago last Tuesday next I got along nicely Mother was with me a week. It looks a great deal Fuller the first night he cried about half an hour and since then he has been very little trouble. To day he is not feeling very

string. has a diarrea
but is better this ev.
Carroll is quite well and
often speaks of you all
and wishes every day
he could go to Benson
and thanks says me too
Edward is quite well again
I wish you might be here
the Fourth We are going
to have quite a time
on Monday I think the
Children will enjoy it
Next Wednesday the
Presbyterian Society intend
to have a festival for the
benefit of the church. They
have put Edward & I on
Table committee I expect
we will have something
to do I wish that some
of you might be here

Strawberries are quite plenty now. Has Cousin Mary & Fannie come yet? Hope they will make up their minds to visit us this summer. I hope Jennie can come this month. Mother left her handkerchief here & gave it to Edward to send by Mrs. Williams he did not think of it. The last we heard from Mrs. Travis she was gaining slowly. I hope Anna you will answer this soon. How is Mary Jane remember me to her, and tell Frank that I forgot his picture he gave me. He may bring it when he comes. Love to all from all.

Write Soon

Surrie, July 30th 1873.

Dear Sister Anna

Yours welcome letter to Mate came last eve. and as she cannot answer it herself I will write you a few lines to tell why. She is busy watching her youngest son so the flies won't carry him off. The little fellow arrived on the 10 P.M. train Monday 28th. He is some smaller than Carroll—at his age—has ~~blue~~ dark hair & dark blue eyes and is a very good baby, of course. Mate's mother is taking care of her and she has a hired girl.

I enclose some samples of Lace hoping some of it will suit. We have enough of either of the pieces and could send by mail if we had no other chance. Wish we could be at home when Elisabeth and her family come. Perhaps Carroll & I can come. Carroll has had quite a time cutting teeth but has got all over it now. He is very much pleased with having a little brother. He has to go and see the baby every few minutes— seems to be afraid some one will carry him off. Mate is getting along very well. Love to all at home.

Yours brother

Eddie

Turin, May 7, 1875,

Dear Sister Anna

Your welcome letter was rec'd. Wednesday eve. I was very glad to hear from you. I had just written to Jennie & Cynthia that I had not heard from home and that I was afraid I wouldn't hear as often now they were gone, but I was glad to know you had taken up the pen. We are sorry that the memorial sermon had not been appointed a week or two later so that we might be there but as it is we cannot. I do not know just when I shall go to N. Y. but probably within a week or two. I will endeavor to stop both on going and on returning. We thought the children

had got along with the whooping cough last fall but Carroll has what I call the genuine whooping cough now. He has coughed for about 4 weeks. He does not have it very bad. Charlie has just cut his eye teeth and he also has quite a cough but do not call it the whooping cough yet. He is very cross and wearisome. Nate is cleaning house. She is nearly through. Abbie is helping her this week. She is anticipating a pleasant time in visiting you. Hope the children will be better by that time.

I have got 30 # Maple sugar just ish to bring home. Will that be too much after taking out 4 lbs. for Mrs. Hugh Jones.[2] I will also bring the other things that have

been sent for. Tea. Coffee, Asthma Specific. (unless I send the medicine sooner). & there is anything else that you want me to bring please let me know. I will bring the bill when I come. You can keep the $5. from Cousin Mary until I come.

We were glad to hear that Cousin Allen and Fannie had united with the church and that Frank was there at the time. It is cheering I know that there is such an interest in religious matters in Utica.

I intended to mail this letter this morning but the stage came too soon.

When the girls return we want you and Mother to make us a visit. I think it would do you

both good to spend a
week with us.

We send love to all and
hope to see you soon.

Your brother
Eddie.

Turin, Jan. 26, 1876.

Dear Sister Anna

Yours was gladly received Monday eve. We supposed you were in Utica but it seems that had made that visit and that cousin Mary had returned the visit. We cannot come Saturday but will try to come perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday. Will write again before we come. We are all quite well. Abbie is with us this week. Hope some of you can come back with us when we return. We had another snow storm last

night. The sleighing would be better if we had a little more stiff.

Owen D. Jones, Tusin, paid $2. for Cen. for 1876. Please credit it and I will pay when I come home.

In haste

E. V. Everitt

Darwell was [illegible] with
[illegible] I was
able to call up the
funeral. Francis has
been sent with
a hand cold for the
past week to Williams
Hall. He has written
here or four letters
to him and I wanted
me and I wanted
me now how many
days before Christmas
will be come. You said
he me some time
ago that perhaps
you would come
out here and get
up a class to [illegible]
[illegible] here and

what are your de——.
I thought perhaps
I could help you I
might buy and sell
for many I could
get, I hope you will
be able to come Bro. Butler and Hattie
comes and perhaps
you can come with
them when they come
up to see us as I hope
they will this time.
Hope has not left
it in Kansas think
for yes he will come
Seems I was very much
disappointed not seeing
him I rather expected
to find him at the
to meet us

and then wants to come to play with Pertie Wright for was playing in their yard for Entrance and after tea played with Ethel Sandbrook, and all came day for ready for Ed. Tom would Randle Ethel Edward he has invited no visitors only Eliza Ann Ellen Ann and Ethel Sandbrook I do wish some of you only be come and stop with Ethel of that Ann and Eliza a Ead of you I suppose Tom and Ethel to Eleanor I am mean to come and entertain at the Eddies Aside now only time left to me Dear Pa.

Turin, June 19. 1879.

Dear Sister Anna,

Your card received last eve. We hope nothing will prevent you coming as you propose. It is so pleasant this morning that Mate said perhaps you would come today. If I knew when you would come I would meet you at Lyons Falls. If you come on the first train in the morning you will leave Remsen at 5. 54 A. M. and arrive at Lyons F. at 6.55 and the second train leaves Remsen at 1–20 P. M. and arrives at L. Falls at 2.22 If there is no one from Turin for you to ride up with you had better go to the hotel at Lyons Falls, "Walton House", and get Mr. Nightingale to bring you up. He

will bring you up for $1.00 same as the stage fare when there is too passengers.

I have got a little maple sugar bought for you. I received the enclosed letter from Capt. O. Griffith last night. Perhaps you can find where the money is credited, or find acknowledg=ment on cover of cer. in Dec. or Jan. 1877 or 1878.

We are all well and send lots of love to you all. and hope to see you and Sarah very soon!

Your brother.

Edward.

Turin, July 4, 1879.

Dear Sister Alva.

This is the first leisure moment I have had since you left and I have just been writing to Mr. Griffith I think there should be no time lost in corresponding about paper and also samples of short-hand should be sent to N.Y. to be lithographed without delay as it may be that it will come in the first part of the book. also the portraits should be decided upon. I think as you and Jennie and Sarah are there together that you better decide on portraits at once and without delay and have them under

Jennie. was glad to hear from you safely. I shall be glad to see you back. Hope will prove a benefit to you all. With much Love to you both

Edward.

way soon. I feel anxious to have the ~~copiant~~ out of press now as soon as possible.

I would like to ~~know~~ know how Carroll is enjoying the South. I wish he would write to me. After Mate left you at the depot she drove to her mothers and stayed an hour and returned in time for dinner and after dinner ~~he~~ Charlie went with me to Greig to measure lumber and we re= = turned about half past eight and then we had to go to the festival. which was quite a pleasant affair and the net proceeds were about $25. Yesterday I went to Eatonville and was ready for a good night's rest when night came

but who could sleep when the bells were ringing and fire-crackers being fired right by the house. While I was trying to sleep amid such an uproar I formed my opinion of the fourth. I think that a good many of the ways of celebrating the fourth might be considered relics of barbarism. The manner of celebrating our nations birth-day yields re-constructing

It is raining nicely now at 9-30 A.M. It will be likely to dampen the pleasures of a good many.

Mr. Lewis has been sick two or three days - an attack of Bilious fever. He is some better today and I think he will get along without a

Who has been kind to help do the buying? Dr. will be much better to wait until next week to do the buying as the grass is growing more than any thing this year. Here will be a good crop here and of excellent quality. Looks very doubtful now about my coming but there next week. What about the M.Sup

I hope you visit to Jamaica will prove a benefit to both of you. It was glad to see you. Hope when she left you

week. Hope

run of peaches. His sickness has made me quite busy. I hope he will be out again the first of next week.

Mr. Holden's people received a telegram from Chicago Monday announcing a sad accident. While Nellie (Holden) Olmsted and her husband were riding out with their little girl, ~~he~~ for some reason he jumped out of the carriage with the infant in his arms and struck its head on the wagon wheel. The child died in a few hours. Mrs. Holden and her son Willie started on the next train to be there to attend the funeral. Charlie was pleased to receive your card. Mate expects her folks here today

Turin, Dec. 16. 1879.

Dear Sister Anna,

It seems a good while since I have heard from any of you, and it is a number of days since I have written. Nate has been quite poorly for about 10 days but is again improving. She has been quite wakeful, nervous & restless nights but last night she slept soundly and feels much better today. Hope we can keep her doing so and that she will not have any more of these pullbacks. Do you know what you can buy good Florida Oranges for by the

box? I can get good ones here for 60 cts per Doz. and have bought about 3 doz. for her. If it is not too much trouble please make some inquiries and if you think advisable you may send me a box and I will send you the pay. I could have the boys sell some of them around the village. I think they do make lots of good.

When will the Cofiant be ready for delivery? I wish you would have 25 or 30 sent to me. I think I can dispose of 25 here. Wish it was so that I could go around with them, but I want to supply the friends here with them while I am at home.

Have you received any pay for cer. from any of those who I called on last Spring? I want to write to some of them if you have not. Have you had any postal cards printed yet?

Our sunday school are preparing for a Christmas festival on christmas eve. The boys are expecting a fine time.

We all send lots of love and want to hear from you.

Your brother,
Edward.

P.S.— I enclose a letter that Charlie has written to Aunt Jennie

Tuesday June 12th

Dear Sister Anna,

I have only time to write a line to you to night, I have been to see my attorney about this morning, I was on and off the cars having a hard time with some of the scholars, but got home safe & sound. There will be an exam I had yesterday I think most of the school, if not all

recent birthday but
it's hard work
for some of them to
do it. Last week
I met each of
the scholars with the
rule before I got them
this morning, & she
does not dislike much
of their Lessons. She
is learning well. Hope
she may get along
without any trouble. She is coming
down to-morrow then
to attend the lecture
or recitations of Mrs.
Douglass

The Parsons have
decided to remain
with us another year.
With Love
Eddie

Home

Apr. 26th/10

Dear sister

I was very much
glad we had a visit
from you, and I
am sorry that I was
out when you called
but I was expecting
a letter from Ed.
telling me when he
would be back for
good, & I was
in a hurry. Last Thursday
Edward left me
Ed. Says we shall

Edward seems quite well & has a good appetite. Charlie started for school this morn for the first when he came home for his dinner he drew his high chair al- to his place at the table he told Grandma he was not going to sit in a high chair any more. when he leaves home he must. Kiss us all & goes off pleased with the thought that he goes to school, he sits with Bertie Hughes. It seems rather lonely without him, & all goes fast and is quite a talk to his papa of all passing &c, Mother is quite smart she is fixing herself a dress

I don't know how we could live without her I am quite encouraged about myself I don't have many chills now that I had ever since I was in Kansas Cousin Agnes Father wrote me some time in the winter to take 2½ grains of quinine before I excited a chill & I did so & they all passed off just & I am sure does not seem like me much the bathing & rubbing I have every morning is a great relief & also pure air. I do some sewing, wipe dishes &c. I think Sara & I better go in the woods for a while and fish or something else do the fishing and I will do the cooking.

The green grass is just beginning to show itself and it seems quite like spring it is for early to make garden. I have started some slips they are growing nicely.

I should think you would be quite a dressmaker by the time you get home it is nice to have one in the family. Ettie Drury has been in and wished to be remembered to you. I have not heard from Cali since she left. Love to all from each one of us. Hoping to hear from some of you soon.

From sister Mate

Salem, Oct. 18. 1863

Dear Mother,

Your good letter was received Sat. I ought to have answered it this morning. I did not like Mr D.E. Evans. I should think it would be quite well to have him take some of the money to sell if he would. He would not interfere with my plans. If you meet any such chance do not hesitate to inform them as it is a matter that should not be delayed and it seems to be a question when I can go, and then it is not probable that I could visit all the parish communities when I do go. I am very sorry that it has been so for me to delay going so long. I hope I can arrange it to go out with them before long. I see your letter is dated on 8th. 13 - The anniversary of our marriage.

We had a church social at our house on that evening for the benefit of the church and in honor of the event of 11 years ago. The amount raised was $9.05 and after the company had dispersed we found to our surprise that our friends had remembered us and made us a present of a pickle caster which they left in care of Mother Allen. It is a nice present. There were about 50 or 60 here. We had doughnuts & coffee & apples passed around which were all brought in. Uncle is feeling fine well these days and is getting fat on baked sweet apples. Don't you have not a very large crop of apples this year. I don't know as you better send any to us if you can sell what you have as they are very plenty about here. We have bought 5 bushels Rural reds at 40 ct per bushel and 5 bushels Talman Sweets at 25 ct

and 5 bush winter pie apples at 15 cts and had two or three bags full of fall apples given us. We are not destitute of apples, but if you have sent them they will be very acceptable as apples from the old home are always acceptable. The boys are well. I am very busy as usual and do not know much time to write. Have you heard from Jennie. Is she coming home? We all want to see her. Hope she will come but do not want either of you to go to take her place as we expect that you will both come and spend the winter with us.

I do not know what to say about renting the farm another year at the same terms but should think it would be better to have Robbie stay there and perhaps you could not do better than to let

from day of the date he offers
it is time to return & must
close will let you from
each of me to you all
Your brother while
Edward Wirt.

Lowville Nov. 15th 1880

Dear sister Anna

We rec'd your kind letter written while you were in Utica, I suppose by this time you are in Ithica, you must have had a pleasant visit. ~~did~~ Cousin Mary's I almost wish I had been there with you all, now I think you all will come up here & stay a while I mean 'till after the snow is gone & then we will all go over on Dark Island. that is if we live, if you come you may have a bed put up in the sitting room if you like we can walk both ways to

as well as in New York City
I hope you will talk it over
among yourselves & decide
for the best. We have decided
not to go to Kansas this fall
as it is so late in the Fall
Mr. Lewis keeps about the
same goes to Edenville with
Edward. He has enough
more logs he means to
keep the business running
another summer I should
think. Arthur is with us
now & will know how much
longer she can stay it
will be lonely when she
goes home. The boys go to
school Carroll is trying
to get new subscribers for
the Year this Commencement
I send for sample copies
~~I was in hopes~~ hoping he could get
the paper, for getting subscribers

there is no such inducements
of food. I have been waiting
to send you the news as
Mrs. White had been so poorly
Yesterday morn. they had
a new daughter arrive in
their family, they seem
pleased as she got through
it so nicely. Aunt Kate Roberts
is taking care of her & a
very good girl. Mrs. Rendors
not come to wash now
Mother & I wash every fortnight
We would all like to know
if you intend to go back
to New York this coming
winter, it seems a good
deal like winter to day
How is Lewis now? Has Robert
had the measels?
I still take a bath & talk
it to Mrs as much as ever
Mrs. Tom Evans & her sister

were here night before last
they enquired kindly for
for you all. George is still
there. Amelia & family
are doing nice only
the baby cries a great deal
it makes it hard for her
When does John E. keep
himself now. Has he gone
to Hillsdale yet? How is Mary
now? Can't you be with
us Thanksgiving?
write to us when you can
please, with love to all
of you. Lewis family
& Robbins Fam—, The boys
have written a little to their
Aunties.

Aff your sister M. A. C.

Niles. O. Oct: 6 / 81.

Dear Sister. Glad we
may see a few more
Ridges but have
our home here. Called
at Youngstown & Ridge
P.O. yesterday P.M. for
mail also at two P.O.
when I have been but
have found nothing from
Reuben or Sister yet.
Glad well. Have got
but $6. yet of old debt
will probably send Youngstown
over Sabbath. Write me
at Pennsville if you
write at all.
With love. Edward

POSTAL CARD.

OCT 6 1881

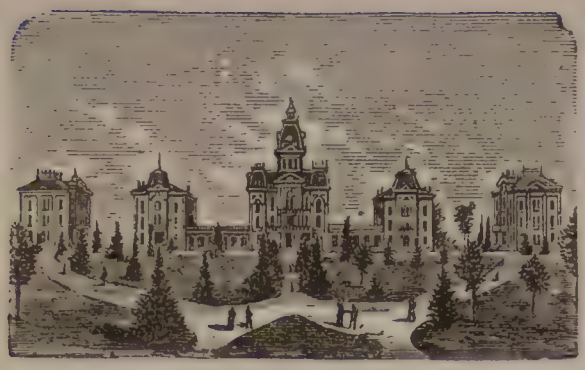
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss A. L. Everett

Piedmont

Box 5

W. Va.



HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Hillsdale, Mich., Nov 29 1882

Dear Sister Anna,

I arrived here at 3 P.M. today. Will leave at same hour tomorrow for Cleveland. Stand at S. S. Jones at Chicago last night. He took me around the city yesterday with his horse + buggy, and brought me to the train this A.M. We called on cousin Mary Ann last eve. Cousin Lizzie is at Battle Creek Mich. + is in quite poor health. I shall probably remain in Cleveland over sabbath and be at Ransen Monday or Tuesday eve. You need not meet me as I cannot tell just what train I shall come on. I am well

except a slight cold which is leaving me. Brother Butler & Hattie are well. He has a vacation this week. Hope I shall hear from you at Newburgh care Rev. W. P. Edwards. I had hoped to hear from you here. I guess I have not been very faithful of late in write to you Hope to hear that you are improving. Wish you and Jennie could go to Texas with me when I go. I am very anxious to get home to see all the folks. You don't ~~ketch~~ ~~etc~~ ketch me staying away from home so long again — if I can help it.
With much love to each from your brother,

Edward.

Turin, Aug. 17. 1883.

Dear Sister.

Your postal is just received. Am glad the boys enjoy their visit and that you enjoy having them there. They can stay until next week if you want them to and if they wish. Wish I could make you a short visit but will know tomorrow night if Jennie & Mary home returned as I may possibly visit you the first of the week. Have you had any blackberries yet? A few brought into town yesterday and thursday at 12 cents. We had a few. Will be cheaper soon. E. W. E.

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Mrs. A. L. Everett

Remsen

Box 15 Oneida Co. N. Y.

Troy, Jan. 11. 1884.

Dear Sister Anna.

Yours of last-
eve to Nate is just received.
We also got a letter from you
in reply to my postal of last-
monday. You guessed right
about what Charlie was doing
last night and the reason
you didn't guess right about
Nate was, that the postals
were all gone. I will send
you a sample like Robbie's over-
coat. The belt and collar & cuffs
are of the blue velveteen. There is a
large steel buckle on the belt and
steel buttons. He has a wide top

dark blue kind cap called "Sam Shanty" Blue leggins to match He has not worn them all yet. They look very nice and warm for him.

You need not say too much about our going to Kansas for I cannot tell just how soon we can go but it is my intention to go this year.

We have had a very stormy time since the year began and some quite cold weather. We have been having prayer meetings at our church every night this week and tomorrow eve we have another meeting and expect Mr. Dobbin out so as to attend the meeting and stay over till after services on the Sabbath.

It is late and I must close now. Hope we shall hear soon about what you decide in regard to the suit.

Turin, May 17. 1884.

Dear Sister,

We have had cold, wet days of late. Yesterday morn. Sug Hill was clad in white but it is some warmer this A.M. Hope we shall have some warm Spring weather soon.

Maggie came from the hill last eve to stay over Sun= =day I believe, but I have not seen her yet.

We are glad to think that John Eddie will be with you today & tomorrow. We did not hear from you last night but hope for a good report this eve. We are all well. I hope that Robbie will feel and behave better the next time he comes to see you. Must close With lots of love from.

Edward

POSTAL CARD.

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Miss Anna L. Everett

Remsen

N. Y.

Box 15

Turin, July 4, 1884.

Dear Sister Anna,

Your good letter deserved a more prompt reply especially as it must have required an extra effort on your part. We were much pleased to see your hand-writing again. Hope it will be followed by more of the same kind. You are gaining so nicely that I trust you can make us a visit before long.

Everything has been and is now being run on the high pressure system at Turin in anticipation of the large crowd expected here today. I do not-

feel much like writing as I did not get much sleep last night. It was 11-30 when I retired and about 12 they commenced firing and ringing the bells. I had just got accostomed to the noise when it was time to get up. The ladies of the M. E. church are to have refreshments for sale and also the ladies of the Pres. ch are to sell refreshments the latter in the grove in front of Mrs. E.B. Holden's home.

I enclose a sample card of the paint The body of the house is of No 137 and cornice like 136 The blinds of 129. The panels in the cornice of 137 and the mouldings on cornice 129

It has had but one coat yet and looks very much improved. I have taken down the front fence which is another great improvement. Expect to have the last coat of paint put on next week and then it will be ready for sale. I will send you a copy of the gazette in which you will see how your nephews stood in their classes in school. The Herald gave J. E. a nice puff. Shall want to hear Jennie's report. We are all well. The boys are enjoying their vacation and especially the 4th. They are busy now putting up chinese lanterns and flags in front of the house.

The baby is growing and is about the best-natured little fellow I ever saw. Hope he will always be so good. Can write no more now. We all send lots of love.

Your brother
Edward.

Utpe, Kan. Jan. 1. 1889

Dear Sister Anna

This is the first-
time I have had occasion to
write a date this year, — I made
a mistake, not as usually
in the last figure
occurs but in the first letter.
Your unanswered letter of 16th
ult. is before me. When I received
it I determined to write you before
Christmas, but the performance
of that purpose has been crowded, as
are other duties frequently, only one
day at a time, out of one year
into another.

This is a most beautiful
New Years day — more like
March or April than January.
There is no cloud in sight

wind. There is enough
snow for sleighing, which came
a week ago this morning,
and was so pinned down
by rain and sleet- That
it has remained where
it was put. The sledding
is also excellent- as the
snow is not more than
two or three inches deep.
It is not cold. Freezing in
the shade and thawing in
the sun. We will have a
good opportunity to view the
'eclipse' if remain as clear
all day as it is now.
How I wish you could spend
the day with us, yes and
the whole year too. If you
should chance to come
without notifying us you
would either on the 7 P.M.

express or one of the
morning freight + accomodation
trains, which arrive at
6.50 — A.M. and 7.30 — A.M.
If you should come on the
forenoon you would doubtless
see Robbie and Eddie just-
this side of the track watching
the train and usually you
would see Charlie on the
depot-platform, which is on
the opposite side of the main
track from our store. If you
should come on one of the just-
forenoon trains you would be likely
to find me clad in a dark
coat- and overalls carving for
our two cows and two pigs
chickens, ducks and turkeys
You would find Charlie assist-
-ing the store, unless he was
at the depot selling the morning

daily which we receive on the second train. A little later, on going up there we would find Robbie, Eddie and Roy sitting in front of the door waiting for the milk to come in and for help to dress. Roy is getting quite cunning. He has learned the language of the turkey, cows, pigs, dogs etc so that he can demonstrate when called upon.

I have heard very little from Swarthmore for two or three weeks, but got just a line from Mary yesterday saying that Annie is much more comfortable. It was dated Dec. 29. We are anxious to hear from John Eddie

I wish you and Willie a very happy new year and many more from your loving son Edward.

Will be glad to receive it. This letter does [illegible] close. We are all well. E.W.E.

Olpe. Ks. April 28/91

Dear. Sister Anna,

Yesterday's mail brought your letter of 24th inst- and also one from Mary, for she has returned to Osawatomie as you know. She writes me that she had written you also. Do you know that Jennie is not as well as when she left her. I do not think she should leave her to go east at present. Let us hope that her condition may soon change for the better.

We have enjoyed Mary's visit very much. It was rather short. Was sorry she failed to see Carroll while she was here.

We were sorry to hear of cousin William's bereavement. I do not remember ever having met his wife. It was very sad that he was not at home at the time of her sickness and death.

I am glad you have been able to make that visit at N.Y. Mills. Hope your going there was not the cause of your not feeling so well. Hope the variable spring weather is about passed with you as it has with us. Spring and vegetation has come upon us suddenly this year. Much like it does in New York. The leaf and fruit blossoms have come and are almost gone and the fruit is hastening

on to development. The prairie grass, which is much later than clover, timothy and blue grass, was late in starting but has come so rapidly after it started. Even the crop of bare-feet developed like Jonah's gourd this year. We have radishes almost ready for use, and all the garden is looking finely.

I think Dr. Palmer is right about you needing a change of climate. Possibly our climate in Kansas would be as beneficial to you as that of Colorado or Wyoming. I do not know what effect it would have on you but it had a good effect on Mate. She weighed 130 to 135 when she left Neb. and now

weighs 169. She has averaged
165 to 174. for the past year.
Throat and lung troubles are
not common here. We
would be very glad to
have you come and live
with us for a year.
You will be very welcome
and it will not cost you
anything for board. We can
furnish all the milk you
want six times a day
but will not agree to
carry the water. The Dr.
recommended. I wish you
would give this matter your
consideration and let us know
what you think of it. We talked
with Sister Mary about it while

she was here and she spoke quite favorably about your coming.

Mary has lost the recipe for making those vanilla drops years ago and does not remember how they were made. I remember making them but cannot recall the recipe. Tell Jamie we are sorry we cannot send the receipe.

Love to all our friends & to you, from your brother

Edward.

Olpe Kan. Aug. 5/93.

Dear Sister Anna,

When I received Mary's letter most a month ago I resolved to write you after while she is away, but I have not done so you see. Hope you are not lonely without her. I trust you are having a pleasant visit with John Edward and his family. I should be glad to form their acquaintance.

We have had an unusually pleasant June and July with frequent rains, and the country about here is looking very beautiful. The

all attended church at Elmendaro a week ago last Sabbath. There are eight of us, you know and we make a full load. Day before yesterday all except Carroll and Charlie went to Abbie's to spend the day. We had not been there for about a year. We expected to visit around a good deal during the summer vacation but have done but very little of it yet. There is only about a month left now before school begins.

We had hoped to visit the World's Fair, but do not think we can go. Carroll will go about the 15th of Sept. with the Chorus.

How far is Merrill from Chicago?

I have written to Mary at Remsen but have not heard from her since she left Merrill. Do you hear from her often? Is your health as good as it was last summer? Do you ride out-doors? I suppose the weather there is not so warm as it is here. The merc. runs up into the nineties nearly every day now but we do not feel the heat uncomfortable indoors with the merc. at ninety in the shade.

We are all well and manage to keep busy most of the time. Carroll and

Charlie spend about half their time in studying. Charlie is a good student. He ranked first in his class of about twenty five and he did not enter the class until after the holidays. I hope you will write soon and let us know how you are and also when Mary is and if she is meeting with any success in finding a buyer for the old farm in Steuben.

We all send love to one and all.

Your brother,

E. W. Everett

Remsen, Dec. 13, 1858.

Dear Cynthia

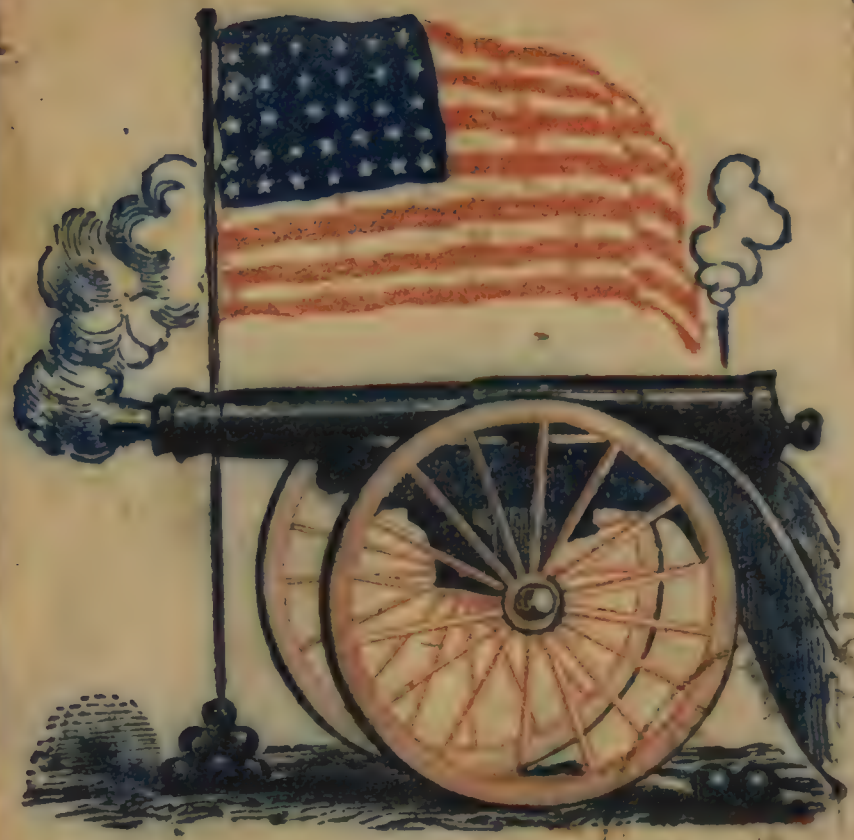
I have several letters to answer besides yours but none of them are as yours "now or never". I suppose none of you will not get many letters from home before we meet, and then we will not have to write to each other but can talk to each other without paper and ink and "Uncle Sam's" help can't we though.

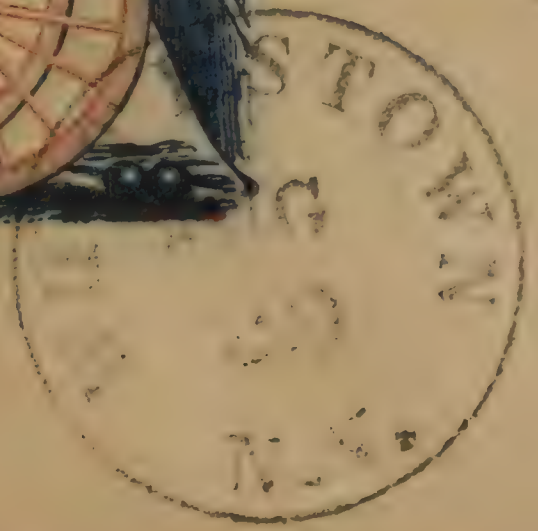
I wonder where you are this evening, if you have started homeward or not. Mary says if you have started that you are at White River Junction & in a hotel all alone, if so you must be rather lonely.

Well Sis I must tell you some thing about my adventures to-day first thing in order was my chores then next I took the horse to John Roberts, (he wanted it to help draw wood) and then I fixed the shed &c. for a "bee" to draw wood. Just as we were ready to go in to dinner some body cried out there's a load of wood by the gate there's two, there is another off there, and it was raining very hard at the time. and so on. well we had to unload and take care of the horses before dinner and we got so wet and so tired I didn't know what what to do I have not been used to such work for some time now, I have been working in the office for some time now.

I must close now the children are eating 'punkin pie' Good bye.

Love from Eddie





Cynthia M. Bunn

Sunin, N. Y., March 22/66

Sister Cynthia

I saw S. W.

Roberts to-day and he wanted me to write to you. He appears very anxious to have you come and teach their school and for his part I think would be willing to pay you your price but some in the district think they could not afford it to pay so much. The highest they ever paid for a summer school is $2.50 last summer they paid 1 7/8. Another teacher has applied for the school and offers to teach for $2.50. Mr. Roberts offers you $2.75 and thinks that is all they will be willing to pay. He says you can have a vacation of one or two weeks in staying

if you choose. The school is not large nor has it to manage.

Please write again soon to let Mr. R. know what you think of this proposition. Or write to me and I will let him know.

How is Anna now? I hope she is well by this time. I would be very glad to hear from her. Mr. Williams intends to go down to the quarterly meeting in Prospect next week. We have preaching here to night. Mrs. has gone to the meeting. Tomorrow evening we have prayermeeting. The meetings are very interesting. I hope the good work has only just begun here, and that many may yet be turned to Christ. I was glad to hear the meetings in Kenton were not losing their interest.

The sleighing is quite good yet, though I heard today that there was no snow in Ransom. It is quite cold tonight. I wish you could have been here the other evening to the concert. You would have been frightened to see such looking objects as we were come into church. I believe some of the children thought we were evil spirits from another world. As I have got out of writing stock I guess I had better stop short. Do not forget to write soon. Much love to all at home.

Yours affy. brother as ever

E. W. Everett

Sunnie, Aug 9th 66.

Dear Sister,

Your letter came to hand last evening. I was very glad to hear that Anna had decided to come to Sunnie but I fear it will not be as pleasant for her to come now as to wait two or three weeks. I saw Mr. Roberts this after-noon. His mother is worse than when you went home. They have but little hopes that she will recover. They have to watch with her every night. Mr. D. W. Roberts has a good deal of hay out yet — and those people from Utica are

there yet. So on the whole and considering the weather I think Anne had better postpone her visit a little while.

With the exception of one day I think it has rained more or less every day for ten days. To-day has been a cold rainy day. We built up a fire in the stove this P.M., and found it an improvement.

If you do not come on the first stage (which would be your better way as this last stage does not get in till 10½ o'clock now) I will meet you at the hotel and will of course expect you to stay with me over the

sabbath. I can not meet you at Boonville as William is going home Saturday. Perhaps you will see him on the way. He is going to Utica either Saturday or Monday.

Yours Aff. Brother

Turin, Sept. 28th 1866.

Dear Cynthia

Your letter removing my fears that you had almost forgotten me is rec'd. I am thankful that our thoughts can pass from one to the other without riding in the stage over the planks from here to Bonaville for the roads are horrid now often so much ruin. The people here are inquiring frequently for you and now I am happy since from them that I have heard from you. We have been very busy all week with new goods. Today we had a "General Training" here

Alex Ream Allegan Co. 12 Miles from Otsego and 18 miles east of Kal. 2

five Military Companies came
here to drill. I heard a good
deal from the drums but
did not see them drill.

Next week the County fair
is here.

I am very glad that our
brother & sister have decided
to stay longer so you can have
a good visit with them. You
must do my visiting with
them for it will be almost
impossible for me to spend
time now to come home again.
If I had time I should send
some samples of dress goods &c
but as we have a splendid
assortment of Mexican Alpacas
&c but cannot and mail
this to night I send sample of
4/4 Flannel if Mother wishes
any more also 1 sample of Crepe
Merette (Alpaca) Love from Edelia

Write soon

Lusin, Oct. 17th 1866.

To Sister Cynthia

Your letter with
$15.00 enclosed was rec'd last eve.
and with much pleasure did
I read it. When I opened it I
wanted to hear what you had
to say but could not until I
had first perused the lines
of poetry you sent. I must
think Sarah is getting so she
flatters. It is not always safe
to tell such things as that
how much you esteem Sis.
but they have a right to
us she is our niece I guess it will

Lizzie is now 12 & I am glad to hear such an improvement. Shelby seldom writes me any more. She says she was then [illegible] Sarah's letter. That Theamutter is dead. I will send a bill down. Mrs. Walk done Eclodie

W. Oscar is at home with us & is a great help to us.

E.

not hurt her. I hope Sarah will write verses oftener and send me a copy, for I have given up getting anything else from her.

Mary Dond called here to night to bid us good bye. She is going to leave in the morning to go to Rome to live. They have broken up house keeping. Her folks are going next week. I am sorry that we ~~did~~ failed to make her a visit.

Mary Hunt has been to Rome visiting Hannah Prichard She went the week after you left. I have not seen her since I got your letter.

William is boarding at Mrs Hart's now. Mr. Parsons has been gone all week to Rochester and Mr. Lyman went to Portsdam to attend a meeting Rec'd expected back to-morrow. Mr. L. Williams and Wife have gone to Connecticut. They thought they would not have time to call as Steuben.

Mrs & Mr. Wm Roberts Jr. were here this P.M. Mrs. R. asked how you were after getting home and when I told her you were teaching she was surprised and thought you were pretty young

She supposed you had had enough of teaching for a while. I am sorry on account that you are teaching because you hardly succeed to make us a visit this fall. But then I am glad you are having such a pleasant school. And you know you can come here in the winter.

The election news is really splendid. It makes Finly ruffle up his brussels and show his colors. What is he going to do if he proves to his satisfaction that the 39th Congress was not constitutional?

When you said you suppose I could get the news about 7 10' clock Wednesday eve. you had forgotten we were on a line of telegraph now

Lucin, Oct. 17th 1866.

Dear Sister Cynthia

If you were only here to-night you might attend the "reading circle" the first one of the season. I hope they will be as interesting this season as they were last for I think we ought to have something of the kind as often as once a week these long evenings. And they are instructive as well as pleasant. John D. Pritchard was here to-day. He wants to get a music class here. He is coming here Saturday of next week to meet and see what can be done. He has gone on north to see his sister.

After commencing this letter I remembered that I was not going you a letter but not have got a going I will not spoil a good story and hoping that you will excuse the poor composition I will proceed

We the "old folks" have had an invitation to go to Martinsburgh to give a concert. The Teachers' Institute is meeting there this week and next. And so we have consented to go next week Thursday eve.

Mr. Henry Richard injured quite particularly for you the other day and said that you without this knowing. He isn't sure was very much disappointed in not seeing at school the last day. He wished me to say to you when I wrote to you but I you could write me you answer down. He said "now hi you may find naughty ladies." I guess this expresses the sentiment of the whole district (No flattery intended.)

Mrs. Roberts & ~~me~~ and Mrs. Roberts are going down to Lloyd soon and perhaps the ~~we~~ will go with us.

What delightful weather we are having now. I think we ought to be very much [illegible]

so much about the wet weather along back. This is making up for all that. Truly

Taking the year all to-gether We have as much fair as rainy weather.

I wish you would send me the address to Lonny Jones "our Lonny." I commenced writing to him the other day and then remembered that I did not have his address. I have not heard from him in two years.

After writing the last letter I ascertained that there was no flour in barrels in the place and they have no wheat in the mill. If I could get any will send some. It is worth $13 per bbl. I should think you could get good flour at the mill in Ransom if they are grinding any now. If our folks think best I will send a bbl as soon as I can get it.

[illegible] I packet and another Monday morning [illegible]

We keep ourselves pretty busy in the store selling goods. All the stores have a large stock of goods and we are all selling lots of them. Competition is the life of trade and we have lots of that. Geo. Muscatt is still in this store.

I must close now as it is time to go to the reading circle. All well. Love to all at home also to enquiring friends

Write soon to Father Eddie.

Turin, Feb. 8th 1867,

Dear Sister

I hasten to answer your letter for I think it deserves a speedy answer as I was very glad to hear from you. On opening it I first read the one to Katy and next Sarah's and it gave me as much pleasure as if they were directed to me. I thought perhaps you had said something in my letter forbidding me to read the other and therefore took the precaution to read them first.

I suppose you have seen William and Delia on. then
will hope they have called
at our house. I expected
them back today but it
is now eight o'clock, and raining
quite fast so I hardly think
they will come. I told Will
if he found my scarf finished
he might wear it home
but did not suppose he would
as you have been so busy
with the cow. I must have
been trying to come so soon
getting the cow off Monday
morning & could not
so busy, fact.

Love & Chas and bro

wife & Mrs. Wolfe called here this morning on their way north. They only stayed a few minutes in front of the store.

Mr. White went off Coast Saturday with Mrs. Jeffress and the probability is that they are married. If he is I hope it will steady him down a little. Curtis Truscott vs. Mrs. Kentner got back home last evening. They will probably go on to the farm this side of Boonville in the spring. I believe I have written all that I can think of. Write me all about the baby, and how you & Craig & Virginia Mary

about it this time. I
hope I will not have
to wait so long again
for a letter from home,
with love from brother
Edward!

Turin April 26th 1867.

To Sister Cynthia:—

I am going to answer your welcome letter which you intended me to receive Sat-Eve. but which did not reach me till last night. I am glad you have not forgotten me altogether although you have not written to me. I write to you. I do not write many letters. I have not much to write. I am not much. I am sorry to hear about my cough. I cough some yet and am sometimes inclined to think that it is the whooping cough that I have had. However it is nothing serious and I am

[illegible] being ill off.
I feel first-rate physically
for which I ought to be thankful.

The discordant element in
our church is becoming more
marked instead of subsiding
as we had hoped. It [illegible]
it was very plainly thought
of coming. If this course
is persisted in by the dissatisfied
few I will look still more
trouble. But even if we obtain
law cannot rule they are
coming almost frantic
to [illegible] fighting in trivial
matters but it is
very evident more of us are
alive every day to that in
our own strength. Our only
hope is in fervent prayer,
that each one of us
[illegible] heart — [illegible]

love that could fail
us be spoken of as com-
other; and that each one
might pray with the
the Psalmist, "Let my
[illegible] my mouth
keep the door of my lips."
Pray for us dear sister that
we may have wisdom to
act prudently and trust in
God who will bring all things
work together for the good
of those who love him
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] very badly about it. I was down in Dutchman's [illegible] removed. Miss Greenwood has gone [illegible] Mrs. Stevens is [illegible] in trouble in bottle about Elbert a little [illegible] a good [illegible] should be treated so.

[illegible] difficulties but I know [illegible] can be [illegible] with me, therefore I have [illegible] you [illegible] I will write again [illegible] will not [illegible] so much about this matter.

Yours affectionately

W. Thos Eddie.

P.S. I sent Sarah some Maple Sugar to-day by Express. It is as nice as I could select.

E. W. E.

P.S. No 2 — Mr. Abbott is going to leave here and Mr. Roberts of Bonnville is coming in his place. Mr. Abbott [illegible] nothing of this until he went to the Conference where he found a paper signed by a number of his professed friends asking that

Turner, Thurs 2 P.M. 1862

Dear Sister—

Yesterday morning
in my letter to you I told you that
I would find a letter from
Sarah enclosed & perhaps I
would not mention her
absence from the family,
but now I have it right
before me and think I can
not better employ it.

Since closing my
letter to you yesterday morning
I have been much
annoyed on account of bad
colds which all the children
have had & which
I am sorry to say
Mary has not entirely
recovered

[illegible] not send you her
letter sooner. I have not
seen any of Ellen Radley's
since I received that first
to Thomas.

[illegible] of
[illegible] last
[illegible] Butler, Wayne Co. in
the Western part of the
State. We are
[illegible] hear [illegible]
[illegible] has been [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] prepared [illegible]
[illegible] friends. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

very green and thriving
but the [illegible] they are
only borrowed for a short
[illegible]

E. M. Emmett

Surrey, Mar 12th 1867.

Dear [illegible]

It seems to me a good while since I have written home; perhaps it seems still longer to you. Well, I have set to write you a long letter, but how well I shall succeed remains to be told. You have certainly furnished me with questions, which if well answered will help fill this sheet. I will try to answer them as well as I can. I did not read Lennie Richard's letter as I had no opportunity to hand it [illegible] read that it [illegible] have perhaps heard of the death of Lennie Richards. She died while we were at the [illegible] Richards, [illegible] after a sickness of [illegible] which terminated in [illegible]

Cousin Tim. He died a week
ago last Saturday. He's been
died out here in [illegible]. I
until a dispatch came last
Friday morning that he was
dead and requesting [illegible]
to come at the time. Another dis-
patch came about noon on
that day that he was dead and
his remains would be there
[illegible]. I did
not start [illegible]
[illegible] to see
it was [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and was held in the Presb. Ch,
in the P.M. How lovely this
seems to us - "In the hall
of the dead." We would learn to listen to
these teachings of God's
providence and heed
them.

Jacob is to remain
some time. They came
to be buried [illegible]

[illegible] miles [illegible] miles
[illegible] "Nature [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] Hill, [illegible] and [illegible]
the will [illegible] to him. She
wished me to tell you to expect
an answer to your letter soon
as she did not see miles that
little note she sent you on our
[illegible] to [illegible] but it was
saw fit to answer that, she
could not object. I am not
sure. Those [illegible] as they do
not [illegible] and keep up [illegible]
while such is [illegible] now
[illegible] back again to Nauvoo and
remain [illegible]. I listened to our
excellent [illegible]
this P. M., Sept. Matt.
14th 46. "the pearle of great price."
He has but one Sabbath more
[illegible] unless something is done
this week to hire him for
another year. [illegible]
[illegible] have to
hunt for this summer, as

time ... the of the church are very anxious to have him stay and a great many will not be willing to support another man if the two are allowed to rule Mr. P. out, I have thought that it would be reconciling matters somewhat to let Mr. P go and another minister but more I see that would be trying to please everyone and thereby pleasing nobody in reality, I hope and trust that the case will be planned.

I should think by the letter that you had had rain a pleasing upturn in your affairs, answering all the letters that had been received. The postal's spoke the [illegible] and "clearing out," I am glad that the M. E. church is united. We will 35 Ch. E. Ch's. We have more but it would not be for it to be and accepted in the near The M. E. Ch

[illegible] Sunday Eve:— I did not finish my letter as I will see but a [illegible] it is Eleven o'clock I will be brief. Sir cost of a book of receipts for D.T.C. containing 100 receipts is 50 c. Can send them to [illegible] I do not know will keep the [illegible] I am in [illegible] I would think [illegible] Our lodge [illegible] P.S. in a large lodge, [illegible] there were three [illegible] but one [illegible] has been [illegible] formed with and now the initiating degree is [illegible] the first, Fidelity the second and Work of Charity the third. The [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

all as the minutes of the degrees are numbered one first and second, but in the next session of the Grand Lodge in Feb, at Portland Me, will be called in order.
I think our sub. Lodge will meet this summer & I'll have a proxy so that will be better than to follow the By Laws laid down which is 8 o'clock. Our Lodge met this [illegible] that I could not [illegible] some of the members [illegible] seem to [illegible] with us but [illegible] could be [illegible] and [illegible] the whole matter [illegible]

[illegible] June 4th 1867

[illegible]

I received your
letter and was only
too glad to write you a few lines
to night. I wish I was there to write
you a long letter about the
[illegible] of this country. I am sorry I left
the girls so sad about it. Tell them
to be a good girl and [illegible]
that I will be over again soon
for a visit you know they will
want to come back. I should not
make a change at present
and will stay here before they
will want to move.

Please tell Clara called on
us this P.M. She was looking
very short she [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] tells us that he has bought him a [illegible] addition to his [illegible] and I had to [illegible] to make room for it. I told him how [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dec. 26th & 27th we met. Still
[illegible] were late to have
a business meeting for we did
not have time to [illegible] the
meeting. We have written to
Mrs. Hollis, requesting him to
come but has not received an
answer.

Mr. Parsons left us this
morning. We are now without
a pastor. I will write again
soon. Do not forget to write to
me.

Love from yours truly

Ethlie.

P.S. The Good Templars are
having a [illegible] and
Good Templar meeting
[illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] by writing
the [illegible]. The [illegible]

Lodge which was organized in
Rock Rapids last night. It is
Charter members are to initiate
fifteen tonight — Our Club is
has gone down to assist them.
All hail the glorious cause!
Would it not there was still more
earnestness in the friends of
the order, then would not
stories be more complete.
Yours in F. A. M.
E. C. L.

Surin, July 7th 1867.

Sister Cynthia,

Thank you for writing to me when you did, but it seemed a long time since I had heard from home before, and more so as I was anxious to know how Anna was, but your letter did not state anything definite as to her health, or when you thought probable she would be well enough to go to New Hampton I am very anxious to know what the prospect is - going next week or week after next. Please write me just what you think so that I may know what to expect.

I would like to know how you enjoyed the fourth. I heard the boys from here say that they saw my sisters. But why didn't you speak to them, I said. Well, they were not acquainted then, said. If I had had the opportunity I guess I should have spoken. None but Lonnie Roberts had spoken to you. I asked Edgar Jones what regalia you wore. he said U. R. S. I guess you had a fine time. Would liked to have been there myself. But instead of being at Trenton Falls I behaved myself handsomely by staying at home in the store.

I am writing to you Sabbath P. M. The hour to teaching in our church to-day and

there is no prospect at present of bringing me to preach for us. If it were lawful without meeting in the Assembly. I received a letter from Bro. Parsons last week. He is travelling in the western states. He wrote me while on a steam boat going from St. Paul to St. Louis. He is having a very pleasant trip. He expresses his wonder and admiration at the growth of the west; he says that places he used to consider villages before visiting them he is surprised to find large cities. He expects to come east soon, and will be with us once

visit in August.

Dab. Eve. — I have just been down at Mr. Hart's. It seems so good to go there. It is almost as good as going home — or I should say as much like it as can be in town. It is too late to mail this letter to-night so I will take my time.

If you think I can not take our trip soon perhaps I had better come home first. I want to see you all. If we can go soon it will not be worth while to come home before that. Perhaps we will have to defer going until Sept. But if you think I had better come home this week. Eddie.

Lodge by the Grand, according to the Constitution, which it appears to me does not amount to much. I think this certificate is necessary and should be used in every case and it would be the same if in the Grand Lodge as in a Sub. Lodge. The same should be entered upon by letter in the Grand Lodge as in a Sub. Lodge and this is the case. Art. 6, (Regulations) [illegible] Would it not be well that the G.L. of S. Carolina or the G. Lodge of [illegible] in the constitution, regulations, by laws. All that is necessary is that the work be kept correctly. There is another point of merits in the G.L. which you should have, which is [illegible] the G.L. of S. Carolina & the G.L. the results by the removal of the work from the G. Lodge

Lurin, Dec. 7, 1868.

Dear Sister Cynthia

I wonder if you are having such a snow storm in Rome as we are having in Lurin. It has snowed quite hard all day, and we now have enough for good sleighing, which we have long wished for. Did you receive a letter from me in answer to a note from you? Well if you did I suppose your other duties have not allowed you to answer it. But when

you do have leasure I hope to hear from you if it is only a note.

If it is possible I intend to visit you before Christmas but if not I would like to have you select some books for the one for Christmas tree. We are to have a tree in our church and they are to have one in the stone church. I am on a Com. for procuring presents but do not expect to procure presents to supply the school but any sujestions about such presents would be very acceptable. I want to get two or three good books to cost from 8/- to 10/- perhaps one of them some good poetical

work. Also fine books suitable for the boys in my class. They are from 14 to 16 years old. I do not want them all the same cost as I have promised to give presents corresponding to their good recitations. Please write me if you can get these books for me. If I do come out there. I will probably go home next Sat. and come to see you and Anna Monday, but this is uncertain.

Do you and Anna expect to come home this month and if so, when? It would be very pleasant if I could be at home the same time. Have you heard any thing from

Mary? I am anxious to hear from you about Anna's health. Hope she is improving and that she will be able to come home soon.

Business is good and requires my attention most of the time. I must close now with lots of love to you both

Your brother

Eddie.

Turin, Feb. 3rd 1868.

My dear Sister
Cynthia

I was sorry to hear by your letter that you all took cold about Sobation time and that Sarah is so much afflicted but hope she will be well soon and not get as sick as I was when I had the erysipelas in the head. She must not take cold, sure. When she gets well I think a nice afternoon walk would do her good, say as far as Turin. What say you. If she concludes to come I will walk back with her.

I am sorry that some of you could not have been at the festival at North Western which I could have been there. I have just mailed a letter to Mary which I commenced two weeks ago.

I was somewhat surprised one day last week to see Rev. Ames and to be introduced to Mrs Ames, but I at once took the joke. for I could read the fact in their faces. Are you acquainted with the bride? Who'll go next I repeat?

Mrs and Mr. D.W. Roberts were in the store this afternoon and they inquired for you as they always do and complain that they have not heard from you. It is too bad you do not write to them. Mary Anna has been sick but was out last eve. for the first time, to attend the donation in company with Mrs Tilland of course Mr. W^m had a good Donation amounting to $152. Mr Jones delivered his lecture on "Cain, Priest & Ryan." The church was full, although it was on our lodge night and night of installation of

Officers, and it was the fullest lodge we have ever had. There were four initiated. Mrs. VanRensselaer was one Mrs. Gosney and wife and one other gentleman Mrs. G. is an old sot who used to come out regularly to the Hotel to get his grog (Whiskey). If he can leave off and become a Good Templar there is hope for all. I do hope that he will be faithful. This is a glorious work. We need more reliable souled work and we can do vastly more good.

I must close now as the P.M. is waiting for this letter, Write soon again

Enclose $2 from Robert Williams, for his Con. for 1868, he wishes

hereafter send to Lyons Falls hereafter.

The color of Gloves is Light Drab. We have dark Gloves at the same price if you want them let me know. I enclose 3 Studs if you like them send me 30 cts or 10 cts a piece. Return if they do not suit or return one if you do not want buttons.

Love from your Brother Eddie

Turin, N. Y.,
March 19, 1868.

Dear Cynthia

Your letter was welcomed this morning. It is of the same date as the one I wrote Anna. After reading my letter and Sarahs I carried hers over to her. She said she could but forgive you for not writing sooner after reading your filed. Your letter has done me lots of good. It is just such a one as I needed. Your quotations are splendid. There is an abundance of peace and joy for us even in this cold world if we have Christ dwelling in our souls. Pray for me dear Sister that I may enjoy more his presence.

I was glad to hear so much news about our folks at home. You was more thoughtful about the common place items this time than usual — you must

have remembered what kind of a letter you need to enjoy reading from home when you write like time. You know I do not hear anything from home only through letters from there. Am sorry Anna is so poorly. Hope she will be better soon. Mr. Moseley, who has been sick all winter was at work in the shop this morning for the first time since Nov. He is most well. Mrs Lues, she whose party you attended with me has been sick all winter. At first she had the Typhoid fever, but now they fear she has the consumption. We have got a good joke on Tom Evans. Mr. Catell who has been elected justice was at the schoolhouse one day and Tom chanced to be there too and they were joking Catell about being esquire. So in a joking manner he said if any of them wanted to be married he would do it for them and Tom ran

Ellen Roberts stood up and
were married. It would have
all been drafted here but -
Colell related the story in the
village and claimed that -
they had been legally married
This of course is a joke at Lou's
expence. If it had been another
Roberts girl perhaps it might
have been more agreable if
it had been in earnest.

I had a pleasant time
last evening at Mr. Whitakers
at a small party. We had
Charades and they were nice.
I wish you could have seen
them. I will not attempt
to describe them to you now
but will tell you more about
them when I see you. It was
the first time I ever took
part in such a performance
It was interspersed with some
very fine music on the piano
and guitarrh.

I must try to answer
your questions. I am glad

send for some. rubber. Dress goes to N.Y. If you can't get help be in a hurry & I will send you a sample. Blue Braid. 8 yds. 40 15c Robin with Love Eddie P.S. have Button like sample at 20c per doz

boarding at Mrs. Perry's May Hart his not expected home for sometime yet. I suppose she is having a fine time west, visiting with her friends. Mrs. Vanhorn's people are well. Willie has a little brother about three weeks old. Mrs. V. seems to enjoy the G. S. society attends all the meetings and sociables. I do wish I was in Washington now, and I wish I could help impeach the president. But I guess they will do it without my help. The paper on which you wrote your letter and the envelop are fine just the thing for what they were purchased. Do not doubt but that you will inform. When you use the next sheet make it the bearer of my kind regards. I send you 1 Gr Buttons. We have no larger plain ones. We have a few of extra nice Linen Table cloths even dozen pattern which you can have at $1.80 per yd. Have nice napkins to match at present but will

Turin April 4th 1868.

My Dear Cynthia

I have now before me two unanswered letters from you and I think it unsafe to let them accumulate any more without making an effort to answer them. Yours of March 30th is a good long one and deserves my "undivided attention" but I must try to answer both at one time.

You must have had a good round of visits when you went to Trenton I should want you to come and visit your friends in Turin while you were in the mood if I thought I could make it pleasant for you. But as the roads are so bad now (which tends to make everything else gloomy) I think you would enjoy it much better to come after the roads settle. Our snow had nearly all disappeared but it commenced snowing this morning and by this time the ground is

better than the waggoning.
A Week from last Friday I
attended a school exhibition
at Ironville. Went in a buggy.
That was March 27. Last Friday
Mr. Northam had an exhibition
at the school house in Turin
It was good and would have
done credit to any village. It
consisted in Dialogues, Charades,
Declamations, Tableaux, &c, &c.
Mr. Northam is not going to
remain here but does not
know just when he is going.
You ask if there is more
than one bad spot between
here and Lyons Falls. I
guess not - but presume
that one is a good deal like
some one said about your
curls when you bang it - in
Mitchells district - That you
didn't have but one and
that lasted most all day.
Since you took away waves
as you did? I have three times
This has been a first-rate
season for making sugar.

We will probably have two or three days of sugaring after this snow. I presume we will be busy to-morrow as the horses will improve this little sleighing I am going to try it to-morrow if it is not all gone.

I am so glad Mary has come home, and also that Cousin Allie is with you. I have been wanting to come home to spend a Sabbath soon and it will be so pleasant to have you all together. I may be home next Saturday but if I do not come then I will come soon.

Tell Sarah that I will not attempt to answer her letter this time. But was very glad to get it and have read it over and over. will answer it another time. I must close this now as the mail is just going to close and this

I must go so it is.
We are out of the buttons
you wished. I send the
braid in this.

Love to all from
Brother Eddie

Lunn, N. Y. Feby. 24/69.

Dear Cynthia

Your letter dated two weeks ago yesterday lies before me unanswered, but- as I see you have commenced it- under like circumstances to these- that- of having delayed answering one from me I will omit- the usual preliminary ceremonies.

We are having some very good prayer-meetings at the M. E. church. They have been held every evening except Sat.- one for four or five weeks. There have been a few conversions and we trust- and believe that- there will be a greater awakening. We have had

a great-many deaths
within the last ten days.
The first funeral and the
first grave that was opened
in the cemetery here since
last November, was that
of Mrs. John Strong who
was buried last Wednesday.
At the same time there was
a funeral on the hill. John
Thomas' daughter, Catharine.
She suffered a great deal before
she died. Last Monday Mr.
Thompson was buried. He was
a young married man who
moved into the village only
a short time ago and bought
out Mr. Davis of the firm of
Owens & Davis. His wife is a
sister to Alice and Elmer
Kentner. He was a Bolton
Mason and the funeral was

conducted by the masons.
Tuesday Eliza Kendall's
father was buried. Today
Mr. Robert Jones is buried
on the hill. The old gentleman
lost his daughter Jane only
a short time ago. Tomorrow there
is to be another funeral in
the village. Chester Sackett,
a young boy about fifteen
years, less than a week ago
was as well as any of us. He
was taken sick with the measles
and died last evening. He
got up the night before and
put on his clothes that were
cold and damp and was
going out but was hindered
by his mother. He then
took cold and the disease
struck in and he was
soon unconscious and

did not again recover
his senses again while
he lived. How loudly
God calls upon us to prepare
for death. Truly this is a
solemn time in Lurin.
Do you still hold prayermeetings
and how is the interest kept
up? I hope to hear that
many are turning to Christ.

Did Mrs Richard Roberts
visit you while she was in
Remsen? She left here Friday
and was intending to spend the
Sabbath in Remsen. She
has gone west with Lou.
who went to Chicago on business
Mr. Robert has not gone yet.
He goes next week. We shall
miss them very much. I called
on Mrs Dr. Dewey about a week
ago and delivered your message.
She wished to be kindly remembered

Lunn, N. Y. March 16, 69.

Dear Sister Cynthia

I feel that I must write you a few lines this morning to tell you what glorious times we are having in Lunn. I never before enjoyed such a good prayer-meeting as was held in the M.E. church last evening. The meetings have been held for over seven weeks, night after night, with only here and there a omission, just as though God was encouraging his people to work more earnestly but was not yet ready to send his powerful convicting Spirit. There has been a deep feeling and

powerful conviction in the
heart of many of the un-
converted throughout the
neighbourhood for some
days, and even those that
have been great sinners
have attended the meetings
night after night and ~~stood~~
~~sat~~ sat in their seats, feeling
the power of conviction, but
they would not yield. But
last night we had a glorious
meeting and about twenty
four went forward for prayers.
When I first commenced to
attend these meetings I felt
as though it was mockery
to ask God to revive his work.
I had not faith that he
would answer prayer while
his professors were living so
inconsistent. But by asking

my faith has been
strengthened, and now
my prayers are being answered.
But we must not stop
here. I feel that there are
many yet in our village
who must be converted.
O, pray that this good work
may not cease. I must
close this now in time for
the mail. While I see.
I mean till before last
night to say with that
confidence I know my
Redeemer liveth. But now
thank God I have that
evidence within me.

Your loving brother
E. W. Emmett.

Turin, May 22, 1868.

Dear Cynthia,

It seems almost as though I had been home after reading all your letter only I have not yet improved the opportunity to talk back only to finish the other evening in a hasty manner I will try to talk with you more leisurely. I am glad Sarah thinks it is about Time for her to write. I hope she will act accordingly.

P.S. I did not understand that it was to send you a pair of gloves to match your dress or one of the girls mentioned in the letter I understood the gloves they were to be black to go. We have none such as you want. Can't

Utica for them. The Maple
Sugar that I sent just comes
to $4.00 at 15 cents per lb. I will
apply the $2.00 you gave me
for gloves towards the bill, as
if that will do, which just
pays for the balance on sugar
Now you see that you get the
$2 back.

We have been having a
rainy time but it looks
a little more like clearing
up this morning. This rain
which we have had is just
what was needed. Do we
ever have rain when we do
not need it? Our Heavenly
Father always gives us what
we need.

We are going to have preaching
in our church to-morrow.
Our people have been
[illegible]

ones with regard to getting
a minister, and yesterday
a Mr. Little of New Jersey
and another young man
from New York City came here
both expecting to preach
tomorrow. The first named
is to preach and the other
goes to Martinsburg to spend
a few days with a friend.
I hope that one or the
other will be engaged as
a permanent supply here.
I do hope that you will
find time and have the
inclination to make me
and your friends here a
visit this spring and bring
one of the other girls with
you. You know you do
not have to sing
unless in a stage! Only
these smiles

Sunday P.M. — I intended to send this with Mr. Williams but they both went without my bidding them good-bye so that I omitted sending the letter, but I sent a package with him which you probably received Saturday. It has been raining most all day and the roads must be very muddy.

After about a year's silence in the pulpit of our church we were today blessed again with the preached Word. Although the roads and the walking are bad the house was pretty well filled. The two young men were in the pulpit together one preached this P.M. and the other Mr. Rocester is to preach this evening. All eyes are scrutinizing the two candidates. How I do dislike to be questioned about my opinion of the two men. Well the question is generally evaded in my case.

Love to all from your brother E.W.E.

I sent the box yesterday & hope it will reach you safely. Write & let me know when it arrives.

Lancaster, May 24/69.
Monday Eve.

Dear Cynthia,

The business of the day is ended and now as I have withdrawn to my room I am going to have a little chat with you. I have been so busy for the last two weeks that I have had no time to write home or attend to the order for goods that you sent me. We have got the goods pretty well arranged by this time so that we can get along a little easier. Trade is very good this spring but it was very late before it opened. We have got a very large and

well selected stock of goods.
Wish you could step into our
store and examine them.
When are you or some of the
other girls coming up to make
me a visit? It is very pleasant
here now. The roads are good,
weather pleasant, birds singing,
nature smiling — in fact nearly
all the inhabitants are smiling
at the return of spring. I have
a very pleasant boarding place.
I think you could spend a couple
of weeks very pleasantly here
among your Lima friends. They
frequently enquire for you and
ask when you are going to make
us a visit. Will White is living
opposite Mr. Hart. He bought
him a house and moved them
this spring. I have not called
on them yet since they moved.
I have but very little time to

Mark calls, all the time! (is sometimes)

Linn, July 27, 1869.

Dear Cynthia,

I hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner after my return to Linn.

I got home safely after I left you at Mr Roberts'. Walked from the depot to save expense &c as it was a very pleasant evening. The bouquet you sent was highly complimented and appreciated.

When I returned I learned that Mrs. Dr. Dewey was still lying unconscious and apparently about the same. She died Saturday morning, and yesterday she was buried. She is lamented by a very large circle of friends

It is said that every person has his fault, but I do not know but she was an exception. I never heard a person speak ill of her. She was loved by all that knew her. The Sabbath School sat with the mourners, and her class of boys sat in front near the pulpit. The funeral was held at the M. E. church. Rev. Mr. Williams preached the funeral sermon. We shall miss her very much at the Sabbath school, in the church, and indeed in all our gatherings. May we called are left alone to emulate her virtues, and live so she live so that we may hope to meet her in that happy land.

It is too late for me to write this letter this morning but I will close and mail it so that it will go tomorrow

without fail. I will enclose a set for Jennie price 30 cts. Hope to hear from you soon. Are you going to Rome next week?

Love to all at home

Eddie.

Lucin, August 29, 1869.

Dear Cynthia

I have just been writing to Mary as you suggested think your letter was answered. Am sorry you can not find time to visit Lucin. Hope you will not give it up even if you don't come until after the Camp. You ask if there is many coming down from here to attend the camp meeting. I guess not many as this church is in another district. There are several going from here tomorrow to the one north of here near Champion. I am glad to know that Anna is getting along so well. Tell her

that I want her to be well enough to come up here this fall. I was not very well when I wrote last but am quite well now. We have been quite busy the past week taking inventory It was a year last Thursday that we commenced business. We have succeeded quite as well as I anticipated when we began and the prospect is fair for another year.

Suppose you have seen W. P. W. and Celia. She went from here Wednesday and have not returned yet. I must close this now as it is getting late and call it a note and write a letter next time. Much love to you all from your brother Eddie

to you when I wrote, hoped you would visit Turin this winter or certainly next summer and very cordially invites you to spend a part of your time with her when you come. Can you not come up for a short visit this winter? I want to see you ever so much.

I am glad to know that Jennie is meeting with such encouragement. Hope she may yet be benefited. When do you expect her home? Is Mary coming home when she does? Does Anna expect to go back to Rome in the spring? I guess she must be a good deal better if she is giving music lessons. I think I need to take

a few lessons in vocal music. I have got almost out of the practice.

Mr. Hood is going to leave us a week from next Monday. He goes to Louville. We shall miss him sadly. We are expecting Mr. Lewis William to come here as our pastor. It is not quite certain yet but it is more than probable.

Duane Hurd who used to be in Mr. Holden's store has gone to Rome, and is doing business on his own responsibility. He is in the drug and grocery business.

Please give me credit for writing one long letter if it is not so very interesting. Do not keep me as long as I have kept you without a letter. Accept love, one and all, from Edith.

Penn, April 25, 1871.

Dear Cynthia

We were very glad to receive your letter, which came about two weeks ago. Hope Mary was not sick long. Trust that with a little under your care and rest she soon recovered. Was glad to know that you have got a little more room. It must have been very crowded for you both in that little room on 12th St. Wish I could spend an evening or two with you this spring but have not made arrangement which of us will go to N.Y. to see the spring. If I do come I will let you know. We had hoped to see you here before this. We want you to make us a good, long visit

I have been very busy this spring. We have been repairing the inside of our store. It is now finished inside and out and looks as well as any store in the county.

I wish you could see our little Carroll. He is growing fast. So very fleshy and healthy, and a very good baby. Makes very little trouble. Miles he still has been very good. Now when just had his neck washing and combing he feels the effect of it today. Hope he will feel all right tomorrow. You know, of course, that Lida and mother have been here. It was the first time since we have been keeping house. Cora and Libbie are staying at Uncle Allen's.

husbands have both gone to Kansas, and intend to make that state their home. Libbie and Em will not go before fall. Tell Mary that we have a young Homeopathic physician in our block, over the store. Dr Waugh, he has only been there about two weeks, and of course has not secured much practice yet.

Since commencing this letter I have concluded to go to New York and work and will perhaps tell you Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Love from us both to Mary and you.

Yours

E. M. Brown

Lorain, Sept. 22, 1871

Dear Cynthia

We were glad to hear of your safe arrival at home. We have thought many times since of our hurrying back from the Forest church when we had a plenty of time. Better so than to lose the train. We got the box of apples you sent yesterday They were very acceptable indeed The charges were only 4/- delivered at the door. Today we received our Peaches and Pears. They cost respectfully $3.50 & $2.00. in Utica They are very good. We moved our stove today. We have had heavy white frost for two

nights past but it is warmer
to night. Yesterday Libbie and
her children and Jimmie came up
and Mate and I went with
them to Emory Allen's visiting.
We found no one at home
but Mrs Allen. Had a pleasant
time. They have a calf nine
months old that weighs 800
lbs. It is a monster. They
intend taking it to the Boonville
Fare next week.

Now Jennie succeeded in
getting every one to take her
place in the office so that
she could go to Maine this month.
She did not mention a word
about it in her letter.

Libbie is expecting to start
for Kansas Tuesday next on
the second train.

I wish that some of you

would call and see
Hugh Lewis occasionally
and let me know how
he is when you write I
have not heard from him
for nearly two weeks. Ada's
sister (Mrs Robert) was
here today. She spoke of you
two or three times and
said she hoped to see you
while in Ramsey. I
think she intends to go to
Ramsey to morrow. I must
close as Mab wanted me
to come home early to night
to help about the beans, and
it is after nine o'clock now
She has canned all the
peaches. When you come uh
you can try them. We are
all well and send lots of
love. Carroll has got over that

he can sit alone on
the floor for an hour
at a time. Write soon.

Your affl brother
Eddie.

Smiths, June 12/12.

Dear. Cynthia

We have not received that shawl yet and the time for selling such shawls this season will soon be over. If you are going to return it would it not be best to express it? We were in hopes to see some of you here the first of this week, but thus far have been disapointed. I attended the Collinsville big meeting this morning and afternoon. It rained quite hard when I started but stoped before I got there and has been quite pleasant since. We had a good meeting.

I heard Mr. Evans preach sunday morning and Mate went to our church in the evening and heard him preach in english. I liked him and would be glad to hear him in english. It is very unfortunate for us not to have regular preaching in our church. Hope it will not be so long. The sabbath school is flourishing. Dewey Holden is the superintendent now.

We are all well. Carroll is pretty good natured most-a days, especially when he can have a ride, he does enjoy a ride so much.

Love from us three.

Your affectionate Brother, Eddie.

Turin, Sept. 25/73.

Dear Cynthia,

Several days ago we received a letter from home offering us some apples and asking if it would be worth while to do so. At the time we read the letter we thought it would be so nice to have a few if you had them to spare. But, I am ashamed to acknowledge that, like a good many other things, I forgot all about it when I answered Jennie's letter and the other day Mate asked me if I had written about the apples, and that was the first I had

thought of it. Well, if those apples are not all disposed of and if the former offer is still standing, we would be very glad to have a few sent by freight to Lyons Falls.

I suppose you know that I am expecting Mr. Lewis back to the store. His time in the Co. Clerks Office runs out Dec. 1, and the nominations have already been made and Mr. Mitchell, the present Deputy Clerk, is the Republican candidate. I shall be glad to have him back in the store. I do not know yet how soon I shall go to W. S. Has Mary gone back to W. S. yet? We were expecting her

up to see us. Delia Williams understood that she was coming up last Saturday. I was at the depot when they returned and went to Lowville and expected to see some of you at Lyons Falls when I returned but saw no one that looked like you. And then we waited til the evening stage came in but that brought us no one. We had some pigeons for dinner Sunday and wished some of you could have shared them with us.

We hope to see you and Jennie the fore part of Oct. We want to hear from you to know how Mother is. Hope she is improving fast.

Love to you & all at home. Eddie.

Irwin Mch 20/74.

Dear Cynthia

Anna and Frank arrived safely Wednesday noon. We were invited to attend the wedding of S. J. Lewis to Miss Anna S. Anderson at her fathers in Boonville and so we had to leave them about 3 o'clock. They were married at 5 30 P.M. and took the evening train en route for New York. They are expected to return in about two weeks. They will board with us for a while. We had a very pleasant time while at Boonville. Mr. J. Lloyd and wife went with us in the same waggon. The road

were very bad and it rained when we started home. Did not get home until most twelve. We left the children with Anna, Abbie & Amelia and the boys. Anna & Frank are going to stay until Monday. They will come on the first train Monday. It is snowing this morning. We are all well and having a good visit with Anna & Frank.

Love from
Your brother
Eddie

Trinc, Aug. 4. 1874.

Dear Sister Cynthia & All.

We got to the depot at just the minute the train was due, but the B. R. train was 1½ hours behind time when they left Utica owing to a broken engine on the central R.R. train for which the B.R. train waited. We therefore had to wait until 7-35 before leaving Remsen. It was rather tiresome although we had good company. At the depot we met Mr. & Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Morris Roberts Jr., Lydia Owens Rev. & Mrs. E. Davis Rev. M. Roberts, and Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd who came with us to Trinc. We got home a little after nine. Both of the children were asleep when we got to the

Falls and slept til this
morning and are feeling nicely
today. We are going to send Carroll
down to his grandma Allen's this
eve. and Anna is going to take
Charlie down tomorrow morning and
she will stay there with them
until we return. We expect to
go with the excursion to the
Thousand Islands in the morning
and stay over night. The weather
looks favorable for tomorrow.

Hope John Eddie has got
that iron for the barn door
and I think Frank will have
no trouble in putting it in place.
Wish I could have stood and
fixed it, but guess they can do it
just as well!

Tell Mother that I can't
find any account of receiving

the pay for the Maple Sugar in the Spring, but I think that it was paid for at the time and so I send $2. in this letter to make it all right.

It has been such a fine day today that it has been very quiet in the store and think I can be spared from the store for trip down the St. Lawrence river, just as well as not. We are expecting a nice time.

We enjoyed our visit home very much and shall always think of it with pleasure. Hope those front steps will last until we come another summer, so you will have something to remind you of our visit. I enjoyed it much better to be fixing up a

little around the house than to be doing nothing but sitting in the house.

Wish Anna could be with us to go tomorrow. Did cousin Mary and Fanny go home today? We shall expect to hear from you soon, and shall want to know how you all are.

With love to you all I am, your affectionate brother as ever

E. W. Everett.

[illegible], Oct. 4, 1874.

[illegible] Cynthia,

Your letter was
[illegible] Wednesday eve. It seems
a long time since we received a
[illegible] from you before. Perhaps the
[illegible] is on our side. I think
it would be a good chance for
[illegible] Eddie, to go to W.F. to attend school.
He could board with Mary and she
could look after him and see that
he kept in good company, and
would learn a great many
things that he cannot have in
the country. Of course it will
be hard to spare him from
us but I think it would be
an advantage to go.

I have looked [illegible]
in the Stores here and
cannot match the [illegible].
When I sent for [illegible]
I was in hopes that I could
get a yard of it back from
the person to whom I sold
the last piece but I failed
to do so. It will be impossible
to get an exact match for it.

Mr. Selden Ives, who lives a few
the street from us has been
very sick with Dysentery for a
week. For three days he was not
expected to live. [illegible]
with him Wednesday night. This
afternoon his symptoms are better
and they think he will recover.
The children are both coming down
with the whooping cough. I think
will not be very sick, [illegible]
have left no cards

staying with us. She will stay
until we can find another girl.
It is difficult to find any one now
it is hop-picking time but we
to find some one soon.
I received the hymn books
I was sent by Mr. Lloyd. I do
the price quoted in the Ens
the "Sacred". Please let me
the price. I should like to
I came to attend the "synopsis."
you will be busy until after
that. Shall we not expect some
of you up here to the meeting?
We were very sorry to hear
Maggie's accident. Shall be
glad to hear more about her.
I hope she will not sustain any
injury from the fall.
Do let us know what is
decided about spending John Eddie
with love from your
York. brother E. W. Everett.

Lenox, Sept. 15, 1874.

Dear Cynthia.

I was taken sick the day I wrote to you and was not out of the house for four days. I was taken with a mild form of Dysentery I was not very sick but was very slow in re-gaining strength. I am feeling pretty nearly well now but not very strong. I attended the meeting in the afternoon was sick all the next day. We received the thimble I wrote about by Rev. Mr. Lake. Mr. Ives, who lived across the street from us was buried Sunday. There seems to be a good deal of sickness about here now. I suppose this weather is unhealthy. The children seem to get along with their

comfortably. Perhaps they will not get into the merits of the case yet.

Have Anna & John Eddie gone to N.G. yet? I do not expect to go to N.G. this fall. I suppose Mr. Lewis will go.

Our school commenced last week.

Mail closes, so good bye with love from you bro.

E.W. Everett

Please send me a postal stating price of H. Books.

Tyrone, Sept. 28. 1875.

Dear Sister Cynthia & all.

I reached home Sat. eve safely and found the folks all well and entertaining their company. Nate's aunt and uncle, Dr. Avery and wife of Forestville, Chatagna Co. came here last Thursday and were at our house from Sat. until Monday morning. Tomorrow they are to attend a golden wedding in Madison Co. The Dr. was groomsman at the first wedding 50 years ago. We had a very pleasant visit with them. You have had quite as pleasant visit with all at home, I dare say. I hope the ride did you no harm.

I hope you will write and let us know how you all are at home. I suppose Sarah is at Glyn. I heard yesterday that Mr. R. W. Pickard was very sick. Is he any better? Tell Jennie that we are very much obliged for that roll of butter. It was very nice. as they would say in N.Y. it was lovely. I hope to hear from you soon. Shall hope to see some of you here soon. It is mail time so good bye now. Love to all.

Your brother.

E.W.E.

Perhaps you would like to read this, we have had another which he inquires a good deal about our news from home.

Hopes you will do well and feel better. &c.

Turin, Dec. 30th 1866.

Dear Sister Leynthia,

It seems a long time since I have had a letter from and also since I have written home. I think yours is the last I have received. Pardon me if I have overlooked any, for I feel as if I had passed through an ordeal. For the last two weeks we have hardly had time to rest; new goods coming on and Christmas and Christmas trees, besides lots of other things, have all contributed to keep us busy. But now as those are over we have time to reflect. Our Christmas trees came off pleasantly. The first at the M.E. church Monday eve. They had two trees one each side of the pulpit and the children took part in the exercises singing

[illegible]

perhaps he has told you about it as he was there. The second I attended was Mrs. Riggs' tree on Tuesday afternoon. This tree was very tastefully arranged in the parlor, well laden with presents. The largest present was in the corner, a large easy chair for Mrs. Riggs which was very nice. It was delightful to see the children (seven in number) enjoying themselves, while Van Benschoten was the oldest. ——— The next tree, our tree, was Wednesday eve. The tree itself was a very pretty one, spruce, and arranged in the center just in front of the pulpit with staging &c which was well put up as I can testify as I was one of the workmen. Not more than one half of the presents were hung on the tree as there was not room enough. It was as large a tree as we had in the church. Prof. Carl Rice of Lombard delivered the [illegible]

the Children, one of the singing by the choir &c. the presents were distributed with great difficulty and the church was crowded jam full; but a passage through each aisle was insisted upon and the work done. Perhaps you would be interested in knowing what I got on the tree. The first was a book from Mrs. Kirsons, entitled Bible Text Book, which I prize highly as being a gift from him and which bears very useful lessons. The second was a book in letter manner of D. Payson from Mrs. Baldwin, another gift which I think much of. I also got a watch case and a pretty Book mark. Mr. P. gave away a great many books among his young friends.

I have been up to D. V. Roberts this afternoon but did not find you there as I used to last summer. Call to-day

there. She comes up to Saturday
with John to attend the Christmas
tree last Monday eve. and will
probably go back with him Tues-
day. Mrs. Williams has
returned to her home Thursday
eve. If I remember I must get
me a ticket. When do you expect
to make us a visit? If you
do not hurry I will come after
you and bring you up.

I was very sorry to hear Edward
met his old [illegible] Christmas
wedding. I should have enjoyed
it very much. Fe. [illegible] some
of you were there. Were you have
a pleasant time? Mrs. Robbins
got well yet. Have you sick about
your cold? My cold is better
from. Annie's letter today I will
endeavor to answer it soon.
Your father is better and
his cold left him. Write
me a letter and let me know
all the [illegible]

Yours truly
W. S.

(Feb. 21
Remsen 1853.

Dar Sister Jane

Mother said that she would give me three cents for every letter that I would write, so I thought I would begin by writing one to you. But this is not the only reason that I write. I have earned that dollar that you promised me! I am going to send you the account for you

to settle it; what do you think
of that? I haven't done it but
twice since I earned the dollar, because
I lost my tooth-brush; what shall
we do about the ball? I don't know
I am sure; do you? I am going to begin
again when I find my brush. I
must hurry because I must go
and take this to the mail. Our
school closes two weeks to-day I believe.
We all send our love to you both.
good-bye Eddy. (Edward W. Everett)

Remsen, Jan. 18/57.

Dear Sister Jennie

This is the first ~~letter~~ I have written this year and it is pretty hard to do it.

I have not received any letter this year either, isn't that too bad, I have been expecting a letter for some time, watching the mail every night. when you write send those school bills without fail, ——— I think that we ought do go out there ~~by all~~ means, we can get ~~almost~~ along most as well without as with her! (I mean with the folding) ~~folded~~ folded most all the last "Conhadur" my self I folded 19 hundred of the first form, 12 of the 2nd 19 of the 3d and 16 of the 4th wasn't that pretty well? Georgie folded the rest.

Edward J. Roberts is here now working, he is full of talk as ever. ~~are~~ Mother and Sarah are paring apples to make ~~day~~ mince pies, and Ed. is chopping for them, I have enough to tell you but there is so much noise that I can not hear my self think.

We commenced folding to-day George folded 2 hundred and I folded 4

Thirsday Eve. I commenced my letter Tuesday eve but could not finish it, Went to meeting last evening, had a very good meeting, there were three that stayed back, Isaac Roberts and his wife, and Jamie Wheldon or one of her sisters

Yesterday there was a great fire in Remsen ~~last~~ the upper tavern got a fire and got up to the top of the house before they found it out it was too far advanced to think of saving the house but they got nearly all the things out, ~~A~~ Dr. Terrys office was in the tavern he lost about $80.

Cousin John Everett and Margaret have moved to Ransen they have a very warm house there, it is the second house south of Morgan Owens shop first door, it is where Sarah Amelia Griffiths taught school in the summer

We have not heard from brother John since we wrote before, when have you heard last. — [Ed Roberts sends his best "respex" to you & Anna-Edward R]

Ed has been after the mail to-night, he got 7 letters there was 5 3 ½ dollars in them, — Georgie wants to have me tell you that he wants a letter, and Eddie wands two letters. "union-deg" if you please. I have said all I have to say so good night to youdnd Anna. from your Brother

Eddie.

Remsen, Oct. 12, 1854

Dear Jennie,

I have been piling wood in the shed today, and Griffith has been diggind potatoes.

I am very glad that you missaid my letter; you paid better interest than they generally pay in this part of the country. How many times have you tipped over your ink since you wrote — We are having quite a writing spell here at home, Sarah is writting to Mary and Mother is writing to Cousin Mary, don't you think we are having a still time of it

Least thursday Lewis, Georgie, and I went after apples with both horses to Levi James, the first kind we got were pound sweets we picked as many as we could of from the tree, I went up into the tree with a sack and a rope tied to

that to it it down when I got it full, but it was too fast for them "I spex" and stepped on a dead limb and that of course broke and let me down, I had hold with my left hand and could not get hold with my right hand Stephen James got a barrel and stood on it and could just reach my feet I let myself down a little and then the hail fell on my head and from my head to his, my head ached a little after it but not much now got entirely over it now. — Asked Emma what she wanted with Georgie and when she was picking them was it to carry the basket or to what, what kind of things were the crab-apples and what kind of trees do they grow on are they not thorn-apples, Coby is still at home and does not go to school. There is going to be no District school this winter Sarah Ainslie is going to teach this winter. Pierce will close his school this week or next Lizzy has gone to Utica We cannot make out your cross lines about the Childrens hair pleas write it over Much love to Emma and Jennie from Eddie,

Dec. 13.

Dear Grandma,

I am sorry
that we have been so long without
writing to you. for I am afraid it
has made you feel we are homesick.
Your likenesses have reached cousin Thomas
although we have not yet got them. Jane
and Fanny intend going soon to Trenton
to have theirs taken for you. I
guess you will receive a letter from
them before long. Jane is nursing
the baby. — There I must stop. Eddie
says it is high time for him to go.

Good bye. — Sarah.

Sis is up at Jane's talking to the men
up yesterday —

Remsen, Oct. 29. 1887

Dear Sister Jennie

I don't feel much like writing this evening but I have left it so long that I must not leave it any longer. — I am very much obliged to you for writing those questions across the top of your letter. I do not know any of them, Sarah says that Mrs Cunningham has escaped to parts unknown. Cynthia says she saw a letter from the Tribune Correspondent in Kansas. Sarah says she guesses that Greely has not got quite through with Hazeltine, but she don't know anything about it though. I hope that these questions are not answered too well so that I will not such hard ones next time.

Sarah has got a sliver in her finger she got it in Sunday afternoon and has not

been able to get it out yet.

Uncle Sam did not forward your letter as quick as he did mine, I received your letter a week from to-day, I have been very busy since I received your letter

Georgie and I have been gathering beech-nuts, the first time we went I was to have them all there was 4 qts. the second time Georgie was to have them all, that night Georgie was rolling and I went alone and got all most 4 qts.

We have not got all the potatoes dug yet they are very small because they did not ripen before the rot struck them, we will not be very short of them but we will have to buy some I guess. If you come home you may have two potatoes one bad one and one good one, and one great large pound sweet, — I was about 10 ft. from the ground I should think when I fell I mean may fell were

You wanted to know how much any pockets would hold, It depends upon which

coat I had on if it was the one that I wore to school last winter I guess it would hold nearly half a bushel. I could push them back as far as you please the pocket goes all around the coat.

Lewis thinks that the crab-apples would be the most tempting for preserving.

We have not heard how Lizzie is since they wrote before. — Aunt Sarah went away week from last saturday and we did not miss her until noon. she went down to Trenton and from there to Holland Patent and then went to Whitesboro and stayed there that night at Mr. Roberts Paul Factory. we walked all the way there.

Sarah's ankle has got well, — Perhaps you will see me coming out there in an emegrants wagon before long, I had rather take Charlie and Lyl than to ride with oxen. — Father has sent for the Semi Weekly Tribune for 8 mo's.

I guess that the Union is safe at least I have not heard it struck.

This letter is longer than I thought it would be

Love to Jennie and Anna from Eddie Mc Everett.

Renssen Nov. 19/57

Dear Jennie

I have not answered nearly all the questions you asked me in your letter and will try to answer some of them now. Georgie has been writing to Anna this evening and I guess these will go together. — — I wish that I could have been with you when you made that molasses candy it would have been fun to stir it while you were writing a letter to me, don't you think so Jennie? I guess that we can afford to make some candy now the molasses is only 3 shillings a gallon and the syrup 4 shillings. — Do you believe that is common up in the world Wm. E. White has a store in the "Union store", and G. W. Roberts has a grocery store in the post office, and

Isaac W. Roberts talks of getting up a store in his store. there will be enough stores soon I think. — Sarah Amelia has her school up in the "Odd-fellows-hall" this term I do not know what kind of school she has. —

We recieved a letter from Anna today it seems that you have had a little snow so we need not send any to you now.

I have fixed the latch to the back kitchin door so that it works first-rate Sarah says very often it seems so nice to have it fixed.

You have asked me one question that goes begond my little Philosophy I think Father said he did not know, Sarah thinks that the reason why places near large bodies of water have so much wind is that the water is colder than the land so cold air rises from the water and rushes in the place of the warm. The reason there is frost more on grass than on the roads is because

the grass attracts the dew more than the roads do then there is more dew to freese on the grass.

I suppose that the reason that they don't dig a well before they build a house is because they don't know so much as <u>western folks</u> do. — Father and Mr. have gone to Remsen this evening to meeting am expecting them back every minute. It is snowing quite hard, I think that it will stay they say you know that it will stay if it comes on mud this has done so. It is after 10 o'clock and I must close, write soon. With much love from your brother Eddie.

Dear Jennie,— I do not know exactly how our writing accounts stands, do you? I got your letter before the one, which I think I have answered. But whether you have written again, and have received no reply, I do not consider the 'old debt' paid. Your letter to Eddie came last night, and your and Emma's little 5 and the one received Thursday. We are glad to hear that your hearing is no worse. Has Emma tried the oil of smoke yet, or have you not received it? I suppose you received that. Father and Sarah had not ~~returned~~ finished by their letters. Sarah and Eddie fastened the envelope all up nice, supposing they had got through writing, but made a mistake. Sarah wants to know if Emma would like to have her hair. We think we can send them by mail for 5 shillings

and Sarah says she can get along perfectly without them. Father and Sarah went to see Lizzie yesterday. Pa came back last night. We don't know when he will come. Lizzie is very weak. When I was there last fall of the week she was for 2 or 3 days without getting up at all, and when Emma took her to the water bed, she almost fainted, but she stood it and better after. She rested again. We will have a letter from Cynthia

Whitestown Mar. 6, 1860.

Dear friend

I should have written before but I could not write a few lines to you I must first tell you of Mrs. Ellis and learned that Cynthia has written to mother so I will send this with that letter, I have just been writing to Annie Jane and have asked her to get the day on the fourth of March and if she does put it on that ought to be another star for Kansas. The celebration of Washington's Birthday at Rome was quite an affair, we had quite a lively time and some smart toasts it was conducted with in the strictest although some of them were rejected by both.

We shall write this week of the

quick consumption Mr. Palmer went
home to the funeral but was not gone but
one day.

I was down to Otter last Sat.
went to Wales to dinner and saw cousin
Thomas — he had written to Mat Mansion
Kansas to have him stop at his store
before going back and he will get those
things for him — I will write to Mat
I am sorry to hear that Isaac Williams
of Charlie Force
is sick, I first read that he had
burst a blood vessel and afterwards
heard that he was taken with bleading
at the lungs I hope he will be well
before long.

Tell Lewis that I got that down
and had a chance to read it — with
Hugh Edwards it was the best I could
get I read a portion to Ezy about
it and then forgot all about it.

It appears to me that we haven't got
anything to live on nowadays but some
how we live get by. We have

potatoes (boiled or baked) quite often, twice a day generally and bread and butter and once and a while some of these preserves, we get along first-rate.

It appears to me that you have a good deal more snow than usual this winter it is the same here but we have had just enough instead of being blocked in as you are, the snow has wasted a good deal for a week past the fields are all bare except where there are drifts, and wagons are more used than sleighs but there is a good deal of ice on the roads yet. I got the Gen. tonight am glad I am not so early I am much obliged to someone for sending it. Tell Anna I thank her for writing a few lines but more would be very exceptable I will write to her if I can before I come home, there isn't much time you know.

I must tell you something about my doings this morning, I went out as soon as I got up and left Price

in bed and the lamp burning
when I got back I found the room
dark and put my key in to open the
door but it would not go in I
knocked but could not get any
answer, I then in the door, so
rapped and shook the door and
called 'Chum' but Chum didn't answer
so I rattled away at the door for
some time, and pretty soon I heard
some noise in the front room so I
thought as I thought I'd best be not
make any more noise at the door so I
went to some room as I thought and
knocked but I didn't hear the boys
I wanted to hear, and so I went to
some room and got no answer so I resolved
to go down on the ground flat and by the time
I went down one pair of stairs I was on
the first floor, so I went up to my room
for the purpose I thought and found
every thing all right and did not wake
David as all was had along it
being.
If we are not going to get
home on again I am going to come down
with the Dairy after to-morrow and Friday
come perhaps with it and let us know soon
the school is out Friday so we can come home
with them Sat. I must close with fondest love

Turin, Tuesday. January 1st 1866.

Sister Jennie, — A happy New Year to you all — — I am afraid that the charm of your writing to me has been broken, if so, I hope, it will be renewed by writing soon. I had intended writing yesterday but did not find time as we were getting in some crockery and that had to be attended to. besides our regular trade. I have been thinking whether I was not wicked in not writing you a 'journal' as you do, but I know that I could not make it interesting all the time but once and a while perhaps a journal for a day would be acceptable. I will try and give you an account

of myself last Sunday.

At eleven o'clock I went to the welsh church. When I got there I found Mrs. H.R. Williams and a half dozen others there shivering around the newly made fire. Mrs. Williams introduced me to Elias Williams and wife formerly of Remsen. She appeared very glad to see me and to know that Mr. E's. son was in one of the stores in Lenox. Mrs. Elias Williams commenced the meeting by reading and prayer and Rev H R Wms and after the sermon he gave us some of his history while he was collecting. As the choir is, Robt. Williams (who composes tunes for the Cong.) was not there when they sung the first time Mr. Wms. called on me to commence the first tune. It seemed quite like home to take part in welsh singing. They have a very good church, which is now free from

Sabbath—But the congregation is quite small and scattering. Meeting was out at—12.30 o'clock, just in time for me to go to the Bible class at the Pres. ch. which is but a few steps from the Welsh ch. The Sabbath School is well attended and the Bible class I find quite interesting. Our subject now is Gabriel appearing unto Daniel, Book of Daniel 9th chapter. Every four weeks they have a S. S. concert at 7½ o'clock, after the prayer meeting. Our pastor has the tact of making such meetings (as well as all others) quite interesting as well as instructive. Next I attended or rather stood to the sermon which is at quarter past one. We got home before three and had a supper as usual. And at 6½ went to the prayer-meeting. There were a good number in attendance, quite a

good number of young folks. After coming home and singing a little, reading a little &c we went to bed to sleep the old year out and the new one in.

I forgot to mention but probably you know that Pierce has been up to see us. He came up Friday evening and staid until this morning. We were glad indeed to see him and to hear some news from Steuben &c.

I recd. Cynthia's letter last this morning. It should have got it last night if our mail bag had not been carried to Constableville. I thank her kindly for being so good as to write to me. She said in her letter before that I need not answer every letter of hers but write to somebody at home. I think think she and I will call it square now as I have written to you, if she is willing. Isn't that killing two bird with the same stone?

This is the first night of the quarterly meeting in Steuben. Wish I could be there to enjoy it with you.

5th

I wish I could have seen your Christmas tree. It must have pleased the children wonderfully. We did not have wax candles on our trees then.

Cynthia spoke about sending two of my letters at the same time and that they had a feast over them. I hope they did not make you sick. So much nonsence at a time I am afraid would have a bad effect.

We are having splendid weather and pretty good sleighing though a little more snow would improve it materially. Yesterday I was frequently reminded that it was New Years by seeing the merry sleigh loads dart by and hearing the cheerful sound of the bells as they passed by. I should enjoy a good ride myself.

Now before the snow gets too deep and you get busy with another Cenhadon you might just as well hitch up Lyl and drive up here and see what kind of a place it is here; never mind about visiting until you get here. Two or three of you might get ready and start right early in the morning and get here by noon. And then you might do lots of trading; enough to pay you for coming so far. We will sell right down cheap. We keep a better assortment of dry goods than can be found in any store in Ransom. And then you might go up and see Mr. Roberts folks and when you had seen all you cared about in Lenin you might take up your duds and beat a retreat. I am in earnest about this only can't

some of you come.

I am obliged to you for sending me the Cenhadwr. You need not take pains about sending each of us one. We are good friends and can read out of the same one. Now as for the Cenhadwr for another year do you think the subscription list will be longer the prospect— than last. How is the hymn book coming on? Have any of them been sent to the Book Binders yet?

They are making some stir about the rail road here. There is a meeting of the citizens at the hall tonight who are interested in having it come through town instead of going down by the river. If it goes by the Falls it will hurt this place more than it will do it good. But if it comes through here it will help the place.

If you can not read my letters let me know and I will try to write plainer.

I miss your correspondence very much and hope you will again take up your pen and write me another epistle. If I had more to say perhaps I would not write so lengthy. Next time I will try and write more and shorter.

Cynthia wants me to write a description of the elephant. We show the elephant free but do not advertise to give a written description of him. There is a picture gallery opposite our store, I have some thoughts of getting a photograph of the ancient. I will only say that it is made of "ladies cloth" the same color as a lime rock stuffed with cotton, is about a foot long and proportionately as tall.

I had a splendid diary which I think a great deal of and which I am going to try to fill during the year. I had three or four other journals which I think I spoke of before. Write soon to Eddie.

Lynn, March 21st 1866.

Dear Jennie

This is the third time
I have commenced to answer
your letter and this time I will
end it any way "Directions and
all." I guess you will think it
rather strange in me in not
writing sooner after what I
said about your not writing but
I have so much else to think of
that I could not get a letter to you
finished. You know we have
been getting ready for the concert
and if you ever had anything to
do with such a concert you know
it is a good deal of work. We
only had two weeks to practice
and get our old costume together
but after all the fuss of your

about the concert. One thing
is certain I care not the snap
one that is glad it is over.

I attended the reading
this evening. The play that
read was a part of King
the 8th. We can not rehearse
more times as the roads will
broken up soon. We had a thun
storm last night and today
It has been raining some.
this sleighing is pretty good yet.

Has Agatha heard from
Hotels yet? I hope he will engage
her. It will be so pleasant to have
her near. — We are having very
interesting prayer meetings here now.
Five or six have come forward, and
a number of others are quite
seriously inclined. We have preach
tomorrow evening and prayer meeting
Friday eve. I hope and pray that
good work here may go on
will write soon again. Write
All well

it was not all a fair one. Ta
night it came off. It had a
full house although it was
stormy and rotten unpleas
tobe out. About $64 was ta
I wish you could have be
here to seein come into th
church and seat ourselves o
the stage. One of the ladies
a bridal silk dress, fifty yar
all, with only two breadths in th
and a gore in the skirt and
only about five inches of waist
There were three silk bridal dresse
in all. And then the head
dresses and bonnets were quite
as ridiculous as those of the presen
day. The hair was not combed
with the huge puffs in front
of modern style but it had
the waterfall reversed &c.

The bonnets were truly outlandish
They were as much too large as
the present style of bonnets is too
small. The gentlemen's dress
was as ancient and varied as
the ladies. I had on a long tail
coat with wide collar and brass
buttons, and knee breches with
white stockings up to them. and
an old fashioned ruffled shirt
and ruffled wristbands and a
tall, well starched collar close
to my neck which answered
instead of shoulder braces. I had
to stretch my neck to get my
ears above the collar. And I
had splendid white silk stock
about four inches wide buckled
around the collar. Some of the
gentlemen had "flaxen hair"
but mine was powdered with
white chalk. Let this suffice

Evans, June 14th, 1866

Dear Sister Jennie

I've received
... and Mary's letters - last
evening after coming from the
lecture & Walton recitation
lecture, also some papers for
Cynthia. I wish you could
have heard Mrs. Douglass'
recitations here last evening
I am sure if you had been
here you would have heard
every word without difficulty
for she has a very powerful
voice. She recited very well
indeed. Cynthia came down
with her friend Miss Roberts
on the milk wagon and
walked back. It was dark
and muddy, so I escorted
them home with a lantern

Instead of going across the
lots through the meadows
we went around the road.
It seemed a great ways and
we were all a little tired
when we got to Mrs. Roberts'.
I think Cynthia felt a
little more encouraging
about the school now. Although
some of the scholars gained
her a good deal of trouble
at first. We had a very pleasant
dinner and Thunder and some
hail this morning but now
it has cleared off pleasant. 3 P.M.
We have not had a single
customer in the store yet tonight or
more. We have been very busy
for a week past. We have got
all the new goods in and a
good many of them sold. We
have sold lots of dress goods.
I will send you some samples

About 5 yrs. Balmorals— we have some good ones, striped Blk & White about 1/3 in. stripe and some 3/4 in. stripe. I think the first the prettiest. Cost 3.25— If you wish I will have them select some the next time. We have a good stock of Hemp and all wool Carpetings and Mats and Mattings and Brussels Carpetings, also an endless variety of Shoes. If you like any of these ones do send immediately and if it is not all you will lay it aside until I come home. Or let Cynthia select something for you. I have got the P.M. & will and not close the P.O. until I mail this letter so it will go tomorrow so I must be short this time.

I anticipate a pleasant time when I come home. Hope it

will be so that I can come
home Saturday. Cynthia thinks
she had ~~not~~ better not come.

In haste

John Bartlett

Edward W. Everett.

Lynn N. H. July 4th 66.

Sister Jennie and all,

I don't know
as it was actually necessary
that any visit home should
be followed by a silence
in our correspondence,
but so it has been.

I have a long story to
tell you and so I must
take it as it occurs. Last
Friday, Lyuthia came down
in the afternoon to attend
the Association which was
held at the Pres. Ch. In the
evening I went over with
her. It was quite interesting,
but I have no place here to
state the particulars, perhaps
Lyuthia will give you an account
of it

Cynthia staid down to
attend Church on the
Sabbath. We went to the
welsh ch. in the morning
and heard Mr Richard and
Mr. ? Jones, and in the
after-noon went to the
Pres. Ch. After meeting I
took Cynthia up on the hill
with Mrs. Morris Lewis (whom
she staid the night
before) Katy Jones went up
with us. We went to D. W.
Roberts to tea and from then
up to the evening meeting,
Mr. Jones preaching. I have
never been in the church
before. It is rather a small
square church and that eve.
pretty well filled.

Cynthia came down
Monday eve so as to be ready
to start with us to the

lake in the morning
We got started about 8
o'clock, Cynthia and I
going over in a buggy.
They had one four-horse
wagon, three or four two-
horse wagons besides a
great many others who
went with their own
conveyances. The day
was clear and pleasant
but rather warm. We reached
the lake about half past
ten and found a plenty
of good row-boats to accom-
modate us besides one sail
boat which will carry
twenty. We went pleasantly
on the lake at first in
a row boat and found that
so nice that it was impos-
sible for me to persuade
the girls to try the sail boat.

However there were enough of the company who preferred the sail boat to keep it loaded, We had our refreshments out with the open air on a platform with a roof over it. After we had satisfied ourselves then we again took to the boat and to the farthest point of the lake and came back to the front and landed, and after the girls had gathered a few more, and flowers and Winter-greens they wanted we went back to the house, it pretty well tired out. It was known about four o'clock. After resting an hour we started homeward but did not get to Lima until most nine. We enjoyed it

Lucin, Aug 6th 11

Sister Lennie

As I have an opportunity to write a little more, it will be to you in answer to yours of the 27th July. You at home have been much more punctual in writing than I have. I told Cynthia that I did not expect to hear from home while she was there as she would occupy all your attention. But it ~~would~~ has been just the other way.

I was sorry to hear that you did not go to the Commencement as you would have enjoyed it very much. You

should not allow work to occupy <u>all</u> your time. You know there is a time for everything, and I think there is a time for pleasure and enjoyment.

I think we are having a plenty of rain these days. The farmers about here had a great deal of hay down now; some that has been cut since the middle of last week. The weather has been so very catching that some of it has been nearly ready to carry in, on the fine times when a shower would come up. There's not much prospect yet of settled weather as it is raining now 10½ P.M.

We are having a plank sidewalk built to our church

It passes by the welsh church and benefits that as well. There is some talk of having the 'Old folks concert' repeated soon to raise money to buy Sabbath School books They have sent for the books (about $60 worth) before hand If enough money is raised they talk of opening a reading room some where in the Village and have a number of the best papers and Magizens &c. This will be fine if it can be done. and will afford a suitable place for the reading circle to meet next winter.

Mr. Parsons talks of opening a select school here to give vent to his surplus energy and to accommodate

those who cannot be
spared to go away from home
to school or who are not
able to do so and yet need
a good school. There are
quite a number of young
people leaving here now
to attend school. Most of them
going to Cazenovia.

I must close now as
the stage has come in and
the office will soon be
closed. Let me hear from
you soon again. Love to all
at home

From Eddie

Austin, Oct 25th 1866

Dear Jennie

For some unaccountable reason we have dropped correspondence of late. If the fault is on my side I hope this letter will atone, for indeed I have forgotten who wrote last. I miss your letters very much. I hope you will soon write me again soon. Cynthia has done about all the writing to you from home since she went home, I think it would do well for one of the rest of you to come up here and stay a spell

to see if you would not be=
come more proficient in
writing. I marvel when are
some of you coming up to
Lurin to visit? We are having
splendid weather now. Do
least night we had a young
winter. It snowed quite fast
for a few minutes until
the ground was considerably
whitened.

Millicent has not been
very well for a week past.
She troubled with the biliousness.
She has not been in the store
this P.M., She is threatened
with a fever & I hope
she will get along without
that. The stage is the

house until he gets over being sick, he will get along & is in good hands.

I was intending to go to Pittsburgh tonight to the "Concert" but could not as it was too late to get to the station. They are having a splendid evening for it and I guess will have a fine time.

Cynthia I sent an order from Gillik on the Supervisor for $33.07/100 which I will get cashed as soon as I can and send her a bill and the balance of the money &c.

I suppose you are busy with the Cochadoc now

but as soon as it is out I will expect a letter from you (if you please).

Tell Cynthia that Walter Lucken was buried last Sabbath. There was a very large funeral. The M.E. church was more than full. Also Richard Jones (an old gentleman who had the dropsy) from the hill died yesterday.

I should like to write more but I will write again that the folks may know, but I think he is doing well now.

Love to all from

Your brother Willie

Surry, N. H. Nov. 13th 1866.

Dear Sister Jennie

I wrote you a note last Sat. eve. Intending to write to Sarah Sunday eve and mail them both together then but forgot to do so and now I am going to write and mail you a letter. I am going to sit up to-night to watch for the "Meteoric Shower" (if I don't get to sleep) & expect it will be splendid!

We have no red good except green. You would want about 1½ yds. of that mohair for a pattern it is 22½ in wide. If it is not it what you want I will

Beaver Wm. get something for you
when he goes down to Bly which
will be about the 1st of next
month. If you will let me
know. I send you two samples
of 3/4 cloth one a beaver and
one a broadcloth for cloaks
or sacques Cost $4 per yd.

I had intended to write
ole to Sarah in acknowledg-
ment for a card to send
by John Prichard but did not
have time, but shall write
in a few. I think the black
[illegible] not
[illegible] as might be
[illegible] they call the Repub-
licans [illegible] woolly heads so
[illegible] from the picture
[illegible] is a good Republican.
[illegible] much obliged to some

one for sending me the letters from Sister Elizabeth and Hattie I did not send them back together as they would make the letter too heavy.

What splendid results we are having for November 8 republican would know how the election went if he had not heard the news by the smile on Nature's countenance since election day. I had heard last night on the 7 o'clock train that the state would be safe but the news has increased today. Thank God for our present Election and such a glorious result.

If I remember rightly
Noah has a book of the
names of the "Living American
Poets," or some such book
of sort & she would much
oblige me very by lending
it to me. She enclosed
it in a letter from J. L. P. and
some other comment. We read
Henry Sam or John &
take this week as the
readers may choose.
I hope I will see
lots of shooting stars
to-night. I shall
look for them
& wonder if you
are going to watch for
them? If not I wish
you sweet dreams. As
ever your loving
friend Eddie.

Sunday July 17th 1867.

Sister Jennie:—

I promised to write home yesterday to let you know how I got back that night & I was so tired yesterday, and we were pretty busy all day and in the evening I went to the lodge so I think I am excusable then, in the first place I did not get to Bonneville in time for the lodge. It was about nine and the lodge let out soon after that — earlier than usual on account of a Strawberry & Ice cream festival which was gotten up by the Episcopalians and held in a grove near the depot. The grounds are illuminated and in fact quite a crowd was in Bonneville today. I rode to find Mr. Bush to hand him that money from father & got back about twelve o'clock

Our lodge was disgraced last evening by the presence of one our officers in a state of almost helpless intoxication! It was a painful, sad sight, and the ~~unadvisable~~ and destructive influence of alcohol was most strikingly exhibited in our circle! He could not be allowed to proceed with initiation and upon request left the room. Of course it would do no good to reason with him at that time but we do hope he may be ~~again~~ reclaimed. He is our W. T. S., and was nominated last week as a candidate for Regis Templar.

I enclose in this a receipt from J. W. Ager, for money. Mrs. Williams wishes me to order

1 Lg. a l. c. Cards,
1/2 " Armeynydd,
1 " Addysgyddl.

Please send them immediately as they are wanted for next Sabbath.

William sends his compliments to the girls and many thanks for the bouquet they sent him. The one Sarah brought up is looking well yet. Is the house in order? I am getting tip top after my visit home. Much love to all at home from your brother

Eddie

Fernie B.C. Jan. 23rd 1907.

Dear Jessie,

I "received" your letter

[illegible] last Monday evening,

[illegible] it was somewhat

cold [illegible] stage coming

[illegible] the woods being heavy

[illegible] roads good for both

sleighing and wagoning [illegible]

such a good, long visit at

home. Enjoyed it's

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] by the

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Jennie

Your letter written
this P.M. is recd. Mr. Jones sent
the postage to Mr. Phillips this morning
on the first stage thence via Express.
If he has not yet recd them he will
find them Monday either at the
depot or at Jones & Robert, U.S. Ex.
Office. I was sorry to learn that Jane
has been sick again. She is having
more than her share of sickness
this summer. Poor she is well
my self this time. I recd a letter from
the girls Wednesday and Sarah states
Annie is growing a little. She tells
of being in blackberry in the day
before she wrote. I hope they will
stay and make me a good long visit.
Charlie Griffith who died
the depot the evening had come
[illegible] He looked quite feeble then
[illegible]

[illegible] you are doing or how you are this morning. Perhaps you have been to the P.O. and got a letter from the girls. I [illegible] you home. Next week is Camp meeting & I should like to attend one day but of course will not as I can't [illegible] so much time of late. Who are the representatives from Pine Lodge to the Grand Lodge? Our Lodge is entitled to six delegates Last Tuesday eve we voted to send two and pay their expenses and if others who are eligible wished to go and pay their own expenses I can also might be elected as one. Mr. Parsons and Mrs Litchfield P.G. V.G. are our delegates and also Mrs Rigby [illegible] to be there.

Your Brother

E. Emmett

Surrie Nov. 4th 1867

To Sister Jennie

I have no time to write you a letter now but will merely write a few lines by way of excuse for not writing sooner. I have just returned from the Cold Water Lodge. We initiated seven this evening and now number thirty eight. One of our Good Templars died this morning. A young lady who taught the district school in this village last winter she died of a fever. Sure

is a good many cases of fevers in that parts now. The funeral is to be next Wednesday at 12. There is to be a wedding (public) in the same church that day at 10 o'clock, all Good Templars. This cannot be a sad wedding.

We have just had a shower of snow but now it is all bright star light. I fear it will be pleasant to-morrow for Election. More again I owe it all from

Your Brother
Eddie.

Lima N.Y. Nov. 27/68.

Dear Sister Jennie

I received a letter from Mary last week stating that she expected to start for N.Y. the first of this week so I presume she has gone before this. I was very sorry not to see her before she went. Please send me her address when you write. I received a letter from Anna and Cynthia last Tuesday which was the first one I have received from Anna since she went to Rome and I was very glad to hear from her. I expressed my joy by immediately answering it. She says the Dr. has told her she may come home

for a visit next month. It would be splendid if I could be home at the same time, but if she is not at home when I come I shall go to Rome to see her and Cynthia.

I immagine you are busy getting up the contents for the Cenhadur for 1868, or in some other way making the work of the present volume. When you get through, I want you to write to me. Will you? I expect to be quite busy for a few weeks now as we are just getting in our winter stock of goods. I wish you might call in some morning to see our store. If you had no other excuse you might get a yard of Rubber Cord, but I immagine you would not need an excuse

if you could only be here.

How did you spend thanksgiving day. I thought of you all a great many times. We had a union meeting in our church and the thanksgiving sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. R. Lute — an excellent sermon. How thankful we should be to God for his goodness during the past year, and indeed all our lives. Yet how ungrateful we are for the common and especial blessings of his providence.

Mr. Millikan has gone to keeping house. Started last night for the first time he has got his house arranged very pleasantly I think. He is expecting Pierce and Clara up the first of April.

Good night. Love to all. Edith.

Lenox, June 17, 1869.

My dear Jennie

I have been more than usually blessed with letters this week. I received, in the same mail with yours, a letter from Anna and Cynthia, and to day I received a letter from Lewis and Jane. It had been a long time since I had from home by letter until I received yours, and it was a longer since I had heard from you. I need not say that your letter was a welcome messenger. I had almost thought that you had forgotten to write to me. These three letters must be answered without delay, but yours will receive my attention first. I am glad to know that the goods I sent you were satisfactory. Am

very sorry about the lamp being
broken. I do not know where to
get another knob for the top without
having one made. as the lamps
in this county, I think. We bought
it in Utica of Sherwood, Hopson & Co.
where we buy ours. Mr. Lewis is
going to N. next week and I will
have him enquire if he can replace
it. — I did not understand that
you wanted a gold pen for Father. We
have one that was bought the same
time as yours. which I think would
just suit him. I will bring it home
for him to try when I come. It is
a good deal longer than yours.

I am glad that Anna has
gone to Rome again. Think the
change will do her good. Hope
she will get well enough to visit
me sometime this summer. I
think that when she gets strong
enough to do so it would do her

good. She needs a change frequently to divert her mind and keep up her spirits.

I wish you would have Father send me some hymn books with tuck if he has any. and if he has none, please let me know. I have enough of all the other kinds. I did not hear Miss Rees, but have heard so much about her since she was here that I think she must be a wonderful personage, or that the Welch of Lewis Co. appreciate female talent more than is the generality of people. Am very sorry that I did not hear her.

Hope that Remsen Lodge will decide to visit Lyons' Falls on the 4th and that some of you will come with them, if you do not come sooner. Will try to be there too if they come. Write a

capital place for a picnic. The C. E. Sabbath School are to have a picnic there the 29th inst. Our school have not yet decided where to go for an excursion.

We all like our pastor very much. He has an excellent wife and you know that is frequently the secret of his success. I hope he may do much good here. They (Rev. and Mrs. Williams) intend to visit Remsen and our folks in particular, soon probably the first part of July, and I intend now to do the same.

I received an invitation the other day, to attend the wedding of our old pastor, Rev. Mr. Parsons. He was to be married last Tuesday at Baldwinsville N.Y., where he is preaching this year. It is a visit Bigelow of that place. Wish I could have gone. It is most twelve P.M., so good night. Love to all at home Edith

P.S. Write soon and often. Time.

Sunn, Oct. 7, 1869.

Dear Jennie & Anna

Your letter was welcomed last evening, and also one from Cynthia the eve. before. Was very glad to get so much from your pens & hearts just now. Will write you just a short letter this time. I have been having quite a sober time with my lips — could not laugh if I felt like it, but they are getting along much better than I feared. Guess they will be well by Sunday. The thirty cents was duly received. I will inclose another red — the same as the one I sent, have none between this and the size Sarah got. I can get along very well without any more money.

I hope Cynthia will prospered and shielded from all danger and sickness in her mission of benevolence among the heathen. May our kind Heavenly Father direct her ways and tenderly care for her and make her useful. I should be very much disappointed if she should go before the 13th and not come up. Hope you will all come. I hope you will be well enough to come but do not wish to urge you if it is going to make you worse. Lewis Jane will come, won't they? I have intended to write to them but have not had time yet.

Mr. Schull, where I board started for the West Tuesday last. He intends to locate there if he finds a place to suit, and he likes the country. I suppose you have heard of the accident at

Lyons' Falls last night. The
brakesman was missed from the
train and when found his head
had been severed from his body
— must have been killed instantly.
His home was in Trenton.

Good night. Love to you all.
Write often to

Edith.

Turin, Dec. 22 1869.

Dear Sister Jennie

I have two letters from you which I must answer, one that came by mail and the other with the slippers which were duly received through the kindness of Rev. M. Robb. I am sorry that they caused you so much trouble.

We have got nicely settled in our new home and find it very pleasant. Hope to see some of you out here soon. We expect to go to Granville Saturday to visit Cina, Dale's sister. She expects all the family there to eat a Christmas dinner. We shall return the same day

after that we shall be at home.
Write us when you are coming
if you can so I can meet
you at the Falls. I will endeavor
to read the letter when it is
received. We are to have a
Christmas tree Friday eve.
I have just been writing to Cynthia.
I have got quite behind hand
in writing. I must write to
Lu and Elizabeth. Is Robbie
going to Kansas before spring?
Did Father and Mother go to
Utica as they expected? How
is Susan Mary and all the rest
of our relatives there? I am sorry
you we did not call on
Uncle Henry when we were
in Utica. We should have
called if it had not rained.
I should be very glad to have
the girls visit us. I hope they

will sometime.

It has been raining nearly all day and now there seems to be prospects of a freeze If it does freeze and thaw a little we shall have fine sleighing. If you come with a horse and cutter we can accomodate all and give you a warm bed room.

Love from us both

Edith.

p Jarvis

p. E W Jarvis & Co

Jarvis

Yuma, Jan. 20, 1870.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I had been thinking of breaking the silence and writing home but you know that is not doing, but now after receiving your good letter I must write if it is only a note. I am very sorry to learn that Anna took such a cold. Hope it was not occasioned by our visit, but fear she took it by sitting up visiting with us. Am sorry, too that you cannot visit us this month. We are having such nice roads, and such fine weather for winter. Hope it will be so when you come. Neale wants you to be sure to let us know two or three days before you

come. I tried to make a
bargain with her to answer
your letter this eve. but she did
not promise me she would. though
if she does you may expect another
letter next day after you get
this. but I fear the prospects are not
very favorable. I send 10 cents worth
of worsted the nearest the place
affords. If it will not do send it
back. If there is not enough I
can send more.

It is enough to make any one
sick to see our little village
now after the fire. There is a
"big o'ening" in front of our store.
But we live in hopes of seeing
some good result from this great
evil. Mr Rigg is at work drawing
sand and stone & lumber for a new
brick block which he is intending

to put up next summer.
He intends to put in three or four
stores. There will also be some
building on our side of the street.
We have a fine nest of new Post-office
boxes (the old ones burned) which
cost about $100. containing 360
boxes and 17 Drawers. The P. O.
is now kept over by the hotel.
John S. Jones, tailor is coming to
work for us above the store.

Hope Cynthia will not be
sent farther south. She will very
much dislike to go and we
will not be willing to have her
go. I must write to her. Have
not heard from her since we were
home. Her Mas Percy written to
us. It is nine o'clock and
time for me to go home.

Love from both of us
to you all. Write soon again.

E. M Everett

Lorin, April 3/72.

Dear Sister Jennie

Your letter did not arrive until this noon - this is the first mail we have received from the south this week. I do not know how to thank you all enough for your kindness I have been almost discouraged at times about building because it is so difficult collecting any money from our business. I suppose the girls have told you some about it. I have sent the check to Utica and if I can not get the money on it I will return it for you to get it

by sending the book. I think I can get along with this amount at present if I do not have to pay for my lot, and I do not think I will have to pay that at present. I have got my sand all drawn and all my fine lumber will now have to wait for April showers to take off from 6 or five feet of snow from the building spot. We do not much expect Robbie this eve as the cars have not got to running regular yet. It will make no particular difference only that we are expecting him and will have a plenty for him to do. I guess it was well that the girls went home just when they

did for I fear if they had been blocked in here over this storm they would have been quite homesick. We were glad they reached home safely. It has been very lonely at our house without them Carroll is learning that he can not have quite as much attention. He has got one double tooth. We are all well.

There is to be a funeral at the house next this side of Mother Allen's tomorrow. (Nellie Shepard) she was very sick before the girls went home. Nate would be very glad to attend but as Edgar is to be one of the bearers, do not see how she can go. Robbie has just come and brought a large box which he says

is for me. Guess Mate will have her wish for she was saying at tea table that she hoped Robbie would bring some apples if does not bring but two.
We thank you ever so much. Are glad to hear that Maggie is getting better. We have felt quite anxious since hearing that she was sick. Hope she will be well soon. It is nearly ten so will close now. Will write again tomorrow if I have time and send note for the money. Hoping to hear from you again soon and often I will say goodnight Accept lots of love from us both on this my birthday. Yours aff Brother

Eddie.

Irwin, Jan. 22, 1873.

Dear Lizlie Jennie & all.

We got home all safe and found that it had been raining hard here nearly all that day. In some places 15 miles N. East from here the lots are ~~as~~ (or were last Saturday) nearly bare and the sleighing was quite bad—but we had a heavy fall of snow yesterday. Has Sarah got home yet? It must have been lonesome after cousin Mary left. I suppose you are all very busy with the comforter. Is Katy Griffith with you yet? I have had a cold ever since I got home. Hope to work it off in a few days.

Mate wants to tell Sarah to see if she left one napkin there. She dont know but she left one there. Mate is well but Carrie has some cold. The weather has been so changable that it has been quite fashionable of late here to have colds.

We expect to move Saturday if it is not stormy. Have got the rooms we intend to occupy this winter cleaned out.

Have you got $450. that you want to invest in good land security? Mr. Lewis sold 64 acres of land on the hill Jan. 1. for $2500. and there is 2 mortgages on it — one of $500. and one of $450. one is payable in one year and the one of $450. in three years, interest payable annually The security is perfectly good, but

he wants me to sell it and
put the money in our business.
I would sell it at a little discount
The interest at 7 per cent is more
than you could get in any bank
and I would sell it for $445.
if you want it.

We hope to hear from you
soon and want to hear from
Sarah when she get home.
We send much love from us all

Your aff brother
Eddie

P.S. Have you heard from
Hon. E.A. Roberts yet?

Ionia, Aug. 6. 1873.

Dear Jennie.

I send you

1 yd. Blk. silk		2.25
6 " Guipure Lace	80	4.75
		$7.00

This is a remnant of lace and I send it hoping it will answer and supposing you are in a hurry to get it, but if it will not do. You can return it when you have an opportunity — and do the same with the silk if it will not do. I have the mortgage and will send it when I have an opportunity — I forgot to give it to mother. It is time for the stage so this letter must be a

I send the dry goods by mail in a separate pkg

short one.

Mate took some cold yesterday but is feeling much better this morning. Hope she has got all over her cold. and that she will be up and around in a few days. Hope you can make us a visit the first of next month. Will Elizabeth and her family have time to make us a visit? I hope they can but if they do not we must try to come home.

With much love to you all, In haste

Your brother

Eddie.

P.S. Did the fruit cans carry safely?

Sunday

Nov. 26th 1876

Dear sister Jennie.

We were very glad to hear from you last evening but were sorry to hear that you had a cold. We would write to you every week but Grandma left for home yesterday & we are in Chicago now & Father stays with us most of the time. Hattie is with me now I am ready this night to answer your letter but am going to bed. Could you get to go to Hale a week to-day to Sunday

school, and he went out with me calling a few boys ago, and wanted to find if I buy when I was going to call on Mrs. Lyle again, he seemed to like a great liking to her, he often likes of going to Grandpa's he want to know when his papa buys him a sled if he can ride down hill to Grandpas. Charlie does not go out very much now. They like to take a great deal of comfort playing together. We would like very much to have Father & Mother make us a visit. It is warmer, they have a cooler clothes now which I should like us a great- surprisement;

Mother came up to-
day and spent Thanksgiving
with us, we enjoyed it very
much she is quite well
this winter. George is will
come to go to school the
next week after New Years
day. Mrs Smith has not
been quite as much
as she was, she has hired
a new clerk, Mrs Evans
guess he would be school
to Cynthia when she taught
[illegible] Jones Thanksgiving
Brother, he is coming Monday.
How is Grace getting along?
I hope he will give us
another visit before
winter. I do wish Anna
would come here and
come up with some of this
cold of yours.

If you and Cynthia could both leave at a time have Maggie come with one of you. I enjoyed Hattie & Sarahs visit very much when they were here. How is their horse now?
I suppose you enjoyed Mary & John Eddies visit here. How are Lewis & Jane and family please remember us to them. Tell Sarah we would like to hear all about her wedding when she gets home.
I will close hoping to hear from you soon with love to you all.

From your sister,

Ada

Sturin, Feby. 5. 1875.

Dear Sister Jennie & all.

Your kind letter Feby 1st. should have been answered sooner. I sent an order to Anna for her to get you some furs. The muff Anna got for herself cost $18. instead of $15.

We were sorry to hear that Father, mother and Frank had been having and colds. We have escaped having colds remarkably well this winter. There has been a good deal of sickness about here of late. We think on the whole that it would not be advisable for us to visit you this winter as it would be quite a risk to take the children out as the winter is so severe.

Nate says you may expect her with the children when I go to W. G. in the Spring. The children are so well it seems a pity to expose them to colds now. It is quite a disappointment to us as we have been anticipating a pleasant visit home this month, but guess it is all for the best. Wish we could have a visit from some of you. We have round bird cages in the store but don't know as they would be as large as you would want. We went to Dowville with a horse & cutter about a month ago and took Carroll. We all enjoyed the ride very much but Carroll was pretty cold when we got home. He is four years old now. He talk quite plain for one of his age. He has learned to sing several

pieces in his way. He sing
a great deal. He goes to
Sunday school nearly every sunday.
I draw him on his little sled.
Charlie does not talk much yet.
When I go home they both want
me to take them up, generally.
Charlie is inclined to be left-handed.
Accept lots of love from us both
to all at home. Write us as
often as you can find time.

Your affe brother,

G. A. R.

Irwin, July 21, 1875.

Dear Sister Jennie.

Your letter is unanswered and I have no good excuse. Please pardon my neglect. We were sorry to hear that you had put off coming to see us this month, but August will soon come and then we hope you will find time to take a vacation. Has Uncle Henry visited you yet? It must seem good to have John Eddie at home. Is he going back in the fall? When do you expect the rest of them home from N. Y.? I dont know how to advise you about the conhadon. Would it not be best for Mother to tell Lewis that she wishes to come to some definite understanding about it and try to

have him say how much he expects for his services this year. Then you can look over the books and get pretty near to the actual figures of cost for the year, and to the amount that will be received, and by so doing you can strike a balance and see how much you can afford to pay.

We are not well. Charlie went down home with his grandma last Sunday to stay a week or two. This morning Nate and Carroll are going to walk down there to spend the day. They can go across lots. They will have to wait until Charlie is ready tonight before they can get away. Mr. Lewis has returned from the west and will go to housekeeping soon. His health is very much improved. His wife

and daughter are in Boonville; Mrs. Lewis has not recovered from her sickness but is improving. It will be quite a relief to me to have him back in the store.

I hope you will not fail to make us a visit the first of August. Tell Anna that Mate is expecting to hear from her. She says Anna coaxed her to write and then dont answer her letter She asks me every eve when I come home if I have got a letter from Anna.

We all send love to you all and hope to hear from you soon.

Your all. Brother.

Eddie.

Lennie, April 19, 1876.

Dear Sister Jennie

Your letter and card should have been answered long ago but, you know I am pretty busy these days. We are taking in about 12 tubs Butter daily and that with other things requires some attention. I sold the R. R. Ticket 96cts and have credited that amt and the $2, recd. of R. L. R. for cowhides — in all $2.96 as requested. As regards the other financial matter, any time will do. but I have not had time to do anything about it yet. I will write about it again soon. We are all pretty well. Charlie is pretty cross — guess

he is troubled with worms.
Mate and the children went
to her mothers last Thursday and
staid until Sunday. I went
down after Saturday eve and
had some warm sings.

How is mother. Wish she
might make us a visit next
month. Guess she and Anna
must arrange to come up
together. Is William any better
this spring?

I must close this short
as it is mail time.

Love to you all. We want
to hear from you soon.

Your brother
E. W. E.

Turin. April 27/76.

Dear Sister Jennie.

It has been a good while since we have written. I have had my hands full as Mr. Lewis has not been in the store for about 10 days. He has a bilious difficulty but we hope he will be out in a day or two now.

We have got the carpet down on "your" room, and it makes the pleasantest room in the house. The carpet looks very nice indeed. It cost $19.50 Hobie has gone home, and George also. Mother Allen came up yesterday and will stay a few days with us

This is a beautiful morning, and I would like to be out doors at work but- suppose I must stay in. O. do you want a barrel or less of those Potatoes? They have just been received. We also have some very nice Peas "Little Gem." Sold by the quart. If you want some potatoes we might send some peas with them We have some nice Maple sugar at 11½ cts.

This is too late for this mornings mail but it will go tomorrow.

Hope to hear from some of you soon. We all send love to you all.

Your mother.

E.W.E.

Ithaca May 26. 1876.

Dear Sister

I send you in another envelop in same mail 2 pr Blk. Kids They are best quality Kids but not 2 button and I bought them for $1. a pair They were in a job lot at Stewarts retale store. The regular price of 2 button gloves same quality is $1.85 and I thought you would rather have these at the price. I have been so busy that I have not taken time to write you before. I stoped at Utica on my return and called on Cousin Mary. Cousin Alex. was very poorly. Have you heard from Frank since I was at home? Did you get the package I left at the depot?

I suppose you are all very busy now so near the end of the month. Is the spring work all done? May we expect some of you to visit us the first of next month? I wish William & Sarah could come and spend a week or two with us. This is the pleasantest time of the year with us. Write soon and tell us how you all are.

In Haste, and with love from you both

Edward.

Turin, June 5, 1876.

Dear Sister Annie.

Your letter was received Friday eve. and Saturday morning I only had time to put up a parasol for Sarah 2.65 and a Toothbrush for you, 25 cts and I wrote you on the wrapper that the cashmere was sold. Mr. Lewis is starting for W. T. this A. M. to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons. He will be buying a few goods and will buy a nice pc cashmere which will be here in about a week. I will send you a sample when it comes.

I am sorry you are feeling so poorly. Hope you will not have trouble with your ear.

Hugh Thomas' family have been greatly afflicted. It seems strange that Mr. Thomas was attacked in the same way.

If you do not keep the gloves you can send them back with Owen. Hastily

Sam off. to-day

Eddie.

Turin, July 13. 1876.

Dear Sister Jennie,

Your card of July 6 was duly received. I suppose Brother Butler's folks are at Philadelphia now if they were going directly there. I fear they will have a warm time to "do" the Centennial. I should prefer to go in Sept. or October but do not expect to go at all. We expect to make you a short visit when they come, but Mate says she is not going with the children as it will make too much company all at once. Perhaps I will come alone or with one of the boys. We hope Br. Butler's family will not fail to make us a visit this time. I wish you could see Carroll and Charlie now. I had their

hair shingled close to their heads yesterday, and they look so comfortable. Cina and her two boys are visiting here now. The two youngest boys, (our Charlie and her Georgie) are visiting at Grandma's now and the two oldest (her Charlie and Carroll) are with us and are having a nice time. She will return in about three weeks.

We are all well and want to hear from you soon.

With much love to you all at home.

Your brother.

E. W. Everett.

Trin. July 28. 1876.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I suppose you are all very busy now — the last of the month and haying time, and expecting company All taken together must make hurrying times. I Hope you will not work yourselves sick. I suppose brother Butler and family will be with you very soon. Probably they will come before the Sabbath. I hope they will not fail to come to Trin this time. I believe they have promised to come. Let me know when they come. I want to make you a visit then

Cina is going to Remsen this morning. She will visit at

Mr. G. W. Roberts' She expects
to call on you Saturday. and
if you are not all too busy perhaps
you can send a horse for her
so as to have her there at time.
She will take her youngest boy with
her. She will return to Linn Sat.
eve. She starts for Kansas one
week from Monday next. Her visit
is drawing to a close and she
wants to improve her time.

I suppose William got the
bot. medicine all right. Mr. Lewis
left it with R. Richard.

The farmers about here
will be about through with
their haying next week if the
weather is favorable. They are
harvesting a large crop of
hay. Much of the hay will
have to be stacked. All the
crops are looking well. The low

price of cheese and butter is the worst feature of their prospect and it certainly is going to make quite a difference in the amount of money they receive this season.

I suppose you know that Fanny has gone home to attend the funeral of Miss Hand who died last Monday. She was expecting to go to the lake on Wednesday until she received a letter from her mother monday eve. informing her of the death of her sabbath school teacher.

We are all well and send love to you all, and hope to see you all soon.

Goin off. bwthn.

E. W. Everett

The gloves were as follows:

1 pr. for Mary		1.25
1 " " William		17
1 " " John Eddie		19
2 Box Pins	8	16
		1.75

I think that is all that were kept. Is it right?

Turin, Sept. 26, 1876.

Dear sister Jennie

I think I must have made a mistake in figuring the interest on that note $375. There are two endorsements on it and I wish you would send me a copy of those two endorsements so that I can figure it accurately again. I have no time to write much this A. M.

I am to be one of the bearers at the funeral (or rather burial) of Deuel Goff of New York whose corpse is to be brought here today for burial. He was formerly of the firm of Goff & Smith of N. Y. butter merchants.

In Haste Eddie

Tonia March 8. 1877.

Dear Sister Jennie & All.

Your very kind letter was received last evening. I am glad you think as I do about my getting out of business. I think it my wisest course. I feel that is a great relief to me and now feel that everything is coming out all right. It was the $350, that you loaned to the firm that I referred to in my last. As I have the accounts to collect and the liabilities to settle I will attend to this of yours as soon as I can but must pay some others first but assure you that this will not have to remain very long. I would do nothing about the interest on the mortgage at present

The man is not shiftless but is like many others are. hard up for cash but will pay very soon. The other claim is cancelled from the record, leaving yours the first claim and perfectly safe. He is willing to pay interest on this amount $31.50 from Jan. 1. I do not expect I can collect much on our account until some spring butter comes in. I enclose one of our circulars.

We were very glad to hear that mother is improving so nicely, also that Anna is better. I do not think we can make you a visit for a while yet although we should enjoy it very much. Thank you for sending the photo. of Johnnie's wife. I like her looks. Guess she is pretty lively. I return it with this. I was glad to hear that republicanism still flourishes in Steuben as well as

at Washington. Hurrah for Hayes! The struggle and tedious. I trust that this long suspense will be followed by prosperity to the whole country, north and south, east and west. I trust President Hayes will merit and receive the support of the best men of both parties.

We are all enjoying good health and join in love to you all. Carroll is learning to read, he takes a good deal of interest in learning to spell and read. It has been raining all the evening. I must close now and go home.

Your affectionate brother,

E. W. Everett.

Tiffin June 11, 1877.

Dear Sister,

Your kind letter was duly received but I neglected to answer it Saturday morning. I am pretty busy trying to close up some old accounts and let the stage get away without a line from me. I will send you some money as requested Wednesday morning. I suppose you go to New York to meet Mary. I hope you will have a pleasant time, and return with better health and less care and ten years younger than when you leave home. I have no doubt the trip will do you good.

We are all well. The

boys home had their hair clipped off close - just right for warm weather but they look odd. What a fine growing time we are having this month. We will be sure of a fair grass crop, and we have good prospects for all the crops except the potatoes which will depend very much upon the manner in which the potato-bug war is conducted.

We were glad to know that Mother is improving. Hope we can visit you all next month. With love to you all I remain,

Your brother Eddie.

Turin. March 23. 1878.

Dear Sister Jennie

Yours from Utica was duly received but I did not have time to write yesterday A.M. so thought that one day later would do as well for me to return the paper. I am very glad you got along so nicely with the brainers at Utica. Do not think you will have any trouble about the matter. I suppose you will be at home today so I direct to Remsen. The roads about here are very good now. The mud has all dried up and many places they are quite dusty.

Carroll and Charlie think

a great deal of their bibles. Carroll reads with us every morning. Mr. Jarrett has been hired to supply our pulpit for the coming year. I hope you will not fail to write me when you hear from brother John.

(E. W. Everett)

Berlin, Aug 2 1878

Dear Alf,

Your letter in the July has duly come & I congratulate you on having at last got it off your mind. I intended but did not get round to writing to you this (the) day when from S. to Africa [illegible] I was expecting to start for Egypt. Then came the [illegible] but one was disappointed. This day week I called on Fox at the Times and took tea with him. He says [illegible] a long time since one was absent from Berlin & I am glad Town is empty

Turin, June 17. 1879.

Dear Sister,

I suppose you received the bid all right as they left Lyons Falls wednesday last as I wrote you that I would try to send them. I have made an estimate of the extra cost of 75 pages to the cofriand and I dont see how it can vary much from these figures as the extra cost would be just 1/4 the original estimate on all except the binding and I do not see how the binding would cost any more. If there would be enough matter that ought to go into the memoir to make up the 325 pages I think perhaps it better be so

up to that. How does Dewi Emlyn get along with it? Has Rev. Edward Davies written anything more? Has Rev. E. W. Jones written anything yet? How soon will it be ready for press?

What has David Price done? It is about time for him to call, or the rent according to his story. I would like to hear all about it. How does John Eddie get along with the farm work What a glorious rain we have had! I finished hoeing my potatoes this morning. They look very well. How is Sarah now? Has she been to the village yet to have that paper acknowledged? Did you ask Mr. Avery if it would be necessary for any one besides

the witnesses to go to Utica when the will was proved. I wish Sarah and one of the rest could make us a visit soon. We are all well and send much love to you all.

Your brother
Edward.

P. S. If you want me to write to Mr. T. J. Griffiths again I will do so.

Turin June 27, 1879.

Dear Jennie.

I am afraid it could not be much help in haying, if it were so that I could come. We are just receiving new goods and it would be very difficult for me to be spared for a week but perhaps it will be so that I can visit you and perhaps help a little for a day or so before you get through. Don't you suppose you could get John Williams, Eliza's husband to help? Perhaps you could get some one that has one horse as it would be much easier to do the haying with two horses. The grass is

not quite so far advanced here as it was last year at this date. They will not commence here until a week from Monday. It may be more advanced there It will be very difficult to do the haying without having some place to turn the cows besides the barn yard. It would be cruel to shut them up in the stable every afternoon. Don't you think the lane better be fixed so as to turn them in when they are drawing hay? The gate might be put up where it used to be by the road and some bars put up where the gate is now. Then the fence by the well between the horse barn and shed would have to be built. After haying I suppose there will have to be a fence put around the corn & potato patch and then you could turn the cows out.

I have not seen the girls this morning. I believe Anna intends to write you. I am writing this at the store before breakfast. The girls are going to stay with us until the first of the week. We are enjoying their visit very much. I know you miss them but I hope this visit will do them both good. I think it is a good plan to write to Uncle John. Carroll is anticipating a great deal of pleasure helping John Eddie. He ought to have a good time during his summer vacation.

I hope you will have no difficulty in getting some one to help with the haying. I suppose J. C. Thomas would do the mowing. I must close now and go to breakfast.

With much love,

Eddie.

Turin, July 19. 1879.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I received ~~the~~ from T. J. Siffitts yesterday two samples paper one 60 lbs. F.T. and one 70 lbs. F.T. and I send you a piece of the 70 lbs. F.T. which I think is just the same as the sample you sent me. Mr. S. says this will cost about 11 cts. at Utica. I think he has allowed too much margin for freight & boxes. This paper is not folded at all but is put in boxes the full size of the sheets flat. That is what is meant by F.T. Flat tinted. Dont you think it would be as well to write to him that he can

furnish the paper at
10 cents and add the freight
cartage &c.

I think you better send
him the manuscript at
once as he want to begin
work on it next week. I
send you his last letter
I hope you preserve all his
letters as I have sent them
all to you.

I think I will write
him this morning about
the paper.

Have you heard again
from Mary. When do you
expect her home? I
hope I can visit you at
the same time.

All well and send love
Your brother Edward.

Turin. Sept. 24, 1879.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I had only time to write you a few words on a card yesterday morning intending to write you a letter this morning and as I received a letter from you last eve I can answer that too. I hope you will get the bucket and that it will fit. So Anna intends to go to N.Y. with Mary. I fear it will be quite lonely for you and Sarah. It seems to me that it would be well to have Robbie & Libbie come there and stay this winter. It would be much better for the house to have fire kept in it. And then I think you will feel safer to leave it with a family living

living in it. I suppose they would be willing to take care of the stock for privilege of the house and horse. Has Robbie got a horse? It would not be necessary to give him terms for the use of the farm next year at present. You might take more time to think of that. You would want to reserve the privilege of coming back any time in the winter and if you should return before spring you would want some of the rooms. You would know best what rooms to reserve in that case. I think it very probable that you would do better to rent the farm to Robbie next summer than to try to work it, but it will be time enough by & by to talk of that.

I am sorry to learn that Mary does not gain faster. I suppose she feels anxious about her business and feels as though she must return soon. I wish we could see you all again before she & Anna goes. Mate is getting better of her cold but has some cough yet. She is sometimes inclined to be dis=comaged because she does not get strong faster. She tries to be careful about taking cold &c.

What progress is being made with the copiant? I think that notice on the cover of the cenhadwr ought to be taken off and another inserted stating about when it will be ready &c. I think the ministers will assist in getting the work to the people.

I hope you will let me know something about it-next time you write.

We all send love.

Your brother

Eddie.

Tuscan Ariz. July 8th 1878

Dear Sister Jennie

I received your
letter last week was glad
to hear from you all and
especially to learn of seeing
you some time this week
until some one came with you
Mrs. David Roberts has gone to
Bonne to see Dr. Kingsley the
family think she has a
cancer on her breast her
daughter Mary Ann died
one about her. they seem
to feel quite anxious.
I am feeling a little better

although not very strong
herself had a chill since
Friday night. Mother is
with me & it has been a
great comfort to have her
with us. Carroll likes his
school. Charlie keeps himself
busy with his crop. We
found seven rag blackberries
& I send 2 Kennerly
they have been quite small
and dried up if Edward
could have got a
basket of nice ones he
would have sent some.
Thanks to John C. for
the paper.
With lots of love
Mate

Dear Sister:

As Mate has not filled the sheet I will write a little on this sheet. Hope you can visit us this week as we shall be very glad to see you. If you come on any but the last train let us know if possible as the stage does not always meet the other trains. I will endeavor to meet you when you come if you can let me know when. I fear I can not get that money for you for two or three weeks. If I can I will send you some from another source soon. You did not enclose the letter from Wisconsin. I think it would

be best - to give terms to agents and let any good, responsible man have them at a discount. The sooner the book is before the public the better it will sell and therefore it would be unwise to withhold the book on any account. If any one offers to help sell the book in any locality I hope you will not hesitate on my account to give him a chance. Do you know yet how much the book will cost? I am very sorry I failed to get you some good blackberries. Hope we shall see you soon. Wish Mary might come too before she returns to N.Y. With love to Eddie.

Turin, Sept. 28. 1879

My Dear Sister.

Uncle was at the depot yesterday P.M. to meet you with horse & carriage and was quite disappointed in not finding you there. He thought you might possibly come on the last train, but knew that you could ride up with the stage if you did come so did not go down. Your card explained the matter. Hope you can come sometime this week. I

shall have to go over the river quite early tomorrow so write you a few lines tonight. We shall expect to hear again from you soon so we may know when to expect you. The train that leaves Ransen a little before two P.M. is the pleasantest for you to come on if you can let us know so that we can be sure to have a conveyance to meet you at the Falls. It would be very pleasant for me to drive out to Ransen with you when you return but it is a pretty long ride for this season of the year as the roads are getting heavy. I shall count to visit you in some way before long.

I had hoped the memoir would be out of press by the first of Oct. but when it is ready I hope nothing will hinder my going out with it. I suppose Sarah is anxious to see me on account of her business. If Mr. Prichard offers to pay her $300. I think she had better take it and endorse it on one of the notes or if he pays enough let him take up the smallest note but I would not renew the notes.

We were all quite disappointed that you did not come yesterday. Hope we shall see you soon. Mate went to church this P. M. for the first time in over two

months. She does not feel any worse for having gone. The rest of us are all well. They have all gone to bed and I must close with lots of love to all

From your brother.

Edward.

Turin, Nov. 25, 1879.

Dear Jennie,

Mate was feeling so much better yesterday morning so that I went to Utica and closed up my bankruptcy matter. Took Charlie with me. We went to Cousin Mary's to dinner and I left him there while I did my business. Cousin Mary thinks you treated her very coldly in not even stopping to see her as you passed through Utica. And then she has not heard from you since except to receive a postal that you were there. She wanted to know how you liked living in N. Y. Cousin Thomas is at home yet and appears quite like himself— I think his health must be better than for years. The rest of them are looking

unusually well. Charlie enjoyed his visit to Utica. This was his visit to a city. I called on T. J. Griffiths. He wanted to know when he was to receive the Title page preface, introduction index &c. He showed me a letter he had recd from you dated the 17th inst in which you said that you were sending him the title page in that letter but he did not receive it. He says that as far as they are concerned they can print the balance of the book in two days whenever it comes but that it is a pity that there should be any delay in completing the work and putting it before the public. as much will be lost in so doing. I hope the

portraits will be ready soon. I suppose there is no delay that can well be avoided.

Cousin Mary gave me an overcoat that used to be Cousin Alex's to cut over for one of the boys but it so good that I guess I will take some of the good of it before the boys get it. She let me take a satchel to carry it in that belongs to you so you will find the satchel here.

The name of the young man who got killed in the mill here was Henry E. Dowd. John Eddie will remember him, brother Nellie who attended the school.

Nate is much better than when I wrote last.

I wish Mary would send me some pulsatilla when you write next time.

Mrs Lyman Smith was

buried last week. She died of apoplexy.

It is mail time & I must close. With love to you all and hoping to hear from you soon.

Your brother,
Eddie.

Springfield Mass 14th
Sister Frances 46

Yes I have a little
time before breakfast & will
tell you as far as I left off
know we are comfortable &
reached here at 8-40 last evening
and are to start at 7-15 A.M.
today Annie was fully disappointed
in seeing Fred & Eva, but has
realized now and feels quite
like herself. We stand at the
depot & start at 2-30 or 3 o'clock.
We have not enjoyed the ride
much this morning & would
down to the Connecticut River.
I wish you could see the
Green Mts. Ever so much

perhaps I shall come home
through N.Y. & must visit
Boston and perhaps I shall come
home that way and so the
U.S.S. Kearsarge had received
quite a battering & ... the
... clothing of the Midshipmen
Poor ... was from the
effect of the grit ... in
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Love from
Edith.

Turin, N.Y. Nov. 1. 1881.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I did not have time to answer your letter this morning. Mr. Hines has not been in the store at all since I have been here only as he wants something for the house so I do not have much spare time. Bertha is still very low - no better than yesterday. The check from Hopkins Davies Mount-Carmel is to pay the $2. due for 1876 and $3. is for Jane to apply on Con. acct after 1876. I sold him a coffin and he paid for it. His letters are a little mixed. He wished me to send him a full receipt and he wants Jane to send him "receipt am y cyfrgw" sef am y $3. I will

send him a receipt for the $2. in full for old account.

I hope Lorain has had a good ride today. I have had the store door open all day and no fire. It is comfortable this one without any fire – very reasonable for November in Lewis Co. I am glad Anna is getting over her cold, and that you expect to have the windows fixed & are to have blinds soon. It will be a great comfort to have it done, and when you get a bed up in the parlor it will be so quiet and comfortable for Carol. I am coming to see you as soon as I can get away, but I do not know when that will be. Mable has made two flannel shirts for Carroll out of that blue & black check lining to the two coats of father's that you gave her. I wish you could see them

they are so warm and comfortable, handsome and well made and fit nicely around the neck. She is going to make two for Charlie, but we will have to buy flannel for him. She is going to make some coats for the boys out of the outside of the coats. Mrs. Kershishent has been doing our washing today. We got a load of coal last week but do not intend to put up the coal stove yet a while. We got the stove coal coal $6.87½ in our cellar. We also got two loads of dry wood last week, or one last Sat and one yes= =terday at $1.50 per cord stove length. So we do not intend to freeze for a while at least. I bought three quarts beach-nuts yesterday for eight cents a qt. The boys will enjoy them as much in the winter. I wish I could send us

and all you all tonight. It would be so pleasant if you were all here. Did Sarah ride out in the lot today? Has John Eddie received the premium number of Youth's Companion. Carroll watches every mail for it. I return the $5. check to you duly endorsed. Have you heard from Ray lately? Fire = boys keep well yet but we feel anxious about them on account of Scarlet Fever, but there is no use fretting about it before it comes. We are anxious to hear from you often and will try to be more careful to write often.

With much love to you all.

Your brother

Edward.

Tivin. Jan. 30. 1882.

Dear Sister Jennie.

I am not feeling as strong this morning as I expected. I should but am much better — in fact most well except the strength. It is storming this morning. I shall try to be at the store a part of the time today and hope to visit you tomorrow morning. Jimmie went Friday and Saturday to look for a girl for us and finally found a good one but she cannot come until next Sunday. He is going after her then. She lives about 6 miles from here. We

do the best we can until then

We were very glad to get your letter Sat. eve. saying that Sarah was more comfortable. Hope she has had no more such bad spells.

With much love. from each of us

Your brother
Edward

Have you had your house and barn re-insured. You remember I had it insured for you with Mr. Rice of Lynn a little over three years ago. Hat-fortin has run out. So now Rice has it. If you desire it will be a good company if you have not already got it.

Lynn, N. H. April 19, 1883.

Dear Sister Jennie.

I have thus far addressed my communications to you three but your last letter was written ten days ago and I fear that the responsibility of answering them is too much divided so I have addressed this to you knowing that you are a good hand to answer your letters - much better than I am. and I shall expect an answer before many days. We are all pretty well now, and I hope to hear that you are all pretty well. Hope you enjoyed your stay in Brookline. I suppose the grass in the parks is looking nice and

green. Those tall snow banks in our yard and in our streets are almost gone and in places the grass begins to look green. It has been raining a little nearly all day. Wagons are used here now more than sleighs, but they come from the hills with sleighs. There has been but very little Maple sugar made yet and the price is still 15 cents for good. I got 2 lbs. last eat. eve. We may have a few days of good sugar weather yet. Carroll and Charlie went down to their uncle Jimmie's Monday morning and came back Tuesday P. M. They report having a fine time and a plenty of warm sugar. George Allen & Frank House have bought out Mr. Noble's and are to carry on the butter business here this summer. They have taken possession today. Mrs. White has rented her house to Mr. Charles House for two years for $90 a year and is looking for a "small house" to rent for four months and intends to go to Utica in the fall to rent a house and take boarders. We think it is a very good move for her with her four children.

Clara and Maggie are expected home the last of this week. Clara to continue her school and Maggie to [illegible]

Thos. R. Evans paid me the $80. for the horse yesterday. I do not know now of any good land mortgage but will bear it in mind and let you know if I hear of a good place to invest. It is not so easy now as it was a few years ago to place money in that way. Shall I send you the $80. or what shall I do with it? Some of it is in checks or N. Y. Drafts and some in currency but if you want it then I will get it all in checks and send it to you I have not received any more from Pa'ant or old debts since I wrote you. Have the accounts for John Eddie been made out and sent to him? I have copied two or three pages from my book so that Anna may know how I fixed the accounts in my book which I enclose in this letter I do not know as I can make out his route any better than he can. I think it would be well for him to

go to Bangor if he can do so without too much extra travel as there is a large amount still unpaid there. Perhaps he can get something from David Vaughan and Mr. Pugh. I wrote to Mr. Pugh about a week ago but have not heard from him. I will try to write again to J. Eddie in a day or two. Would it not be well for you to get a good pocket Map of Wisconsin and send it to J. E.?

When do you expect to come to Remsen? Wish you might visit us again before you settle down for the summer. I hope we shall soon have fine weather and roads. I enclose a sample of the cloth of a new suit I am going to have made. Also sample of cloth like what Carroll and Charlie are to have suits from. Their school commences next monday. Miss Louisa Roberts of Constableville is to teach the lower department and Mr. Capron up stairs.

Shall we not expect a visit from you soon? Hope all three can visit us this summer and go with us to Binghamton. It will be just nice to spend a week there. Do you remember Richard Roberts who clerked for W. P. before I commenced. He was in Holden's store at Utica, N.Y. He died about ten days ago. Am sorry

I shall expect promptly a letter. Love to you three from us

Tuyin, Sept. 1, 1883.

Dear Sister,

I engaged a basket of berries to be sent you last Monday and I have not heard from you to know if you received them neither have I seen the boy who was to send them to know if they were sent. Do you want more? We are all well. School begins next Monday. This is a beautiful morning for the first of Sept. We are anxious to hear from you in regard to your plans. Did any of you go to camp meeting? Love to all from E. W. B.

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

N. Y.

Box 15

Turin, Sept 13/83

Dear Sister - Your postal came last eve. also one came on Tuesday eve. I am sorry I did not have more berries sent sooner as they say the frost has ruined both the ripe and green berries. Nate & Robbie had a nice ride to Constableville yesterday with Mr. Cornish's family They both enjoyed the ride. Have not received that package you sent yet. Wish I might attend some of the meetings of the Cynanfa but do not expect to. We are all well & send love to each E. W. E.

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Irwin Dec. 11, 1883.

Dear Sister Jennie,

Your letter came last eve. I am very sorry we have given you occasion to be anxious about us by not answering your letters. You have probably received my half finished letter written the 7th. which I mailed yesterday.

I received a reg. letter Sat. eve. with $25. from Williamsburg Iowa for sale of books. I will get it into a check and send it to you soon. I do not know when we can visit you. It is not so easy to get away from home with three children and lock up the house for two or three days in the winter. It would

be much easier for you two to visit us as you have some one to leave in the house, and only two instead of five to care for. We are all pretty well now except that I have had a little cold with hoarseness since Saturday morning. I am getting better now. We put up our coal stove Saturday and started the fire in it Sunday. Mate has had the carpet in the dining room taken up and has washed it and will put it down tomorrow. We have not yet put up our stove in the sitting room but will sometime this week.

Carroll feels quite well over his success in the spelling class. He has earned the first prize having been at the head 10 times. Clint take the 2nd prize having been at the head

8 times. The teachers give their scholars an oyster supper on friday eve at Music Hall, when the prizes will be presented.

Mate has been sending for sample copies of magazines & papers and has received the following by just writing postals. Arthurs. Godey's, Petersons. Vick's Magazine. The Munsey, Century, Rural New Yorker. Has Anna done as well as that?

I am sorry you both lost the lectures of Prof Clark Reis. W. P. W. went to Utica today. I intended to send the silk umbrella with him but failed to get it ready. Will try to get another chance. Am sorry not to have a taste of that nice sausage but we have some too also lots of fresh pork. Robbie will be two years old next friday if he lives. He is a stout healthy boy. His mother is going to make

him a cloak and then he will go out more. Our school closes Friday and then comes the M. E. Christmas tree on Monday Dec. 24th. and our tree on Thursday Dec. 27th. When does J. E have a vacation? When do you expect Mary home? Were you aquainted with that young man Thos. Irving who committed suicide in Glenben near John Watkins'?

We have been having a little snow today and evening which tempts the sleighs to venture out. Hope we shall have enough for good sleighing ere long. We shall be very glad to hear from you often and hope we will not be so neglicent again about writing. With lots of love from, Edward.

Jerrin Nov. 16. 1881

Dear Sister:

Your card came last eve. We were glad to hear you were all so comfortable and that Sarah's appetite was a little better Carroll's sore throat did not prove very serious. He has not staid out of school. We used the Merc. (low att.) I got a bottle in W.S. for mine & it cured me of sore throat and the canker has all disappeared. Mate and the boys did a small washing Saturday. We are all well. W.P.W. went to W.S. yesterday. His mother went to Boston.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Everett
Remsen
N. Y.

Box 15

have him sell a few more.
I send a postal note $3.26 in
this to mary to pay for the oranges
&c. ought to have sent it before.
Our apples are all gone we
enjoyed them so much. We bought
a few pie apples a month ago
and made up a little mince
meat and Mate says we have
two cans of that left. We have
pies occasionally and try to think
it is healthier without many pies.
It is a pity that any of your
apples got frost bitten. Mate made
some jelly last fall and it comes
very good now. She put up more
canned fruit than usual. also canned
some currants and they are all very
nice to have now apples are so scarce.
You ask where you better get carpet
warp. How much would you need?
I would like to sell you some but

perhaps you can get it just as well at Remsen. I would advise getting fine 4 ply warp. The "Standard Warp" is good warp But there are a number of good makes. Shall you buy the colored or the white warp. We sell the white at 23 and colored at 27 cts What do you have to pay per yard for weaving? We can get it done here for 1 1/2 ct per yd.

There was to be a sociable at John Strong's on the east road this eve. but about dark the wind arose and the snow fell making almost a blizzard so that no one was brave enough to start out with a load except Miss. Estella Ives. She had a leap year load and braved

the storm. A fine time was anticipated. Ice cream & cake, and oysters were on the bill of fare. The boys were expecting to attend also Clara and Dwight but they had to stay at home. It is ten oclock and the mail has not come. I must close and go home. We hope to get a letter from some of you tonight. When is L.E.'s school out?

We all send love to each and hope to hear that you are all as well as usual. The weather has been so changable this month that I do not think it has been very healthy. What shall we name the baby? Good bye.

Edward.

Turin. Feby 28. 1882.

Dear Jennie.

Your letter of the 22nd. is still unanswered. With taking inventory and increased duties at home my time has been pretty well occupied so you will please overlook the delay. It seems a very long time since we have seen any of you except that very short call from John Eddie. Hope it will be so I can make you a short visit before very long and that some of you can visit us. Mate sat up to day for a few minutes to have her bed made and says she is going to sit up a little to have her bed arranged.

Robbie thinks his little brother is very nice. He takes to his grand=ma more now since his mother has been confined to her bed. One night he woke up about two oclock in the morning and cried so pityfull for his mama that I was obliged to dress myself and bring him down to see her and then rock him asleep. I wish he could be with you for a few days if it were not for the night. He is most too young to be away from his parents yet. He is learning to talk a good deal. He goes up and down stairs alone and does lots of other mischievous things.

We enjoy the oranges very much Charlie has only sold 25 ℔ Lemons amounting to 1.35 Think we will

Turin, April 15, 1884.

Dear Sister Jennie.

I attended the meeting yesterday and in addition to my offer I proposed to paint the house two coats including roof, all for $2000. or I offered to build a barn 20 x 24 and 16 ft posts and paint it. for $175. additional. An expression was taken which resulted in favor of R. Morris' House with barn built and east lot taken off, for $2200. This vote was not final but the matter of final decission and purchase was left to a committee of seven including the three trustees of the church, the two excecutors

of Dr. Dewey's estate, and Mr. Lic and Mr. Frost. I have no idea now that they will take our house.

The boys had better come home tomorrow noon unless they come soonn and if it is pleasant they can just as well walk up from the depot. If it is not pleasant we shall not expect them We got them a letter last eve

E.M.S.

Turin, April 20/84.

Dear Sister,

We heard nothing from you last- eve. Know it- is not- so easy for you to drop a letter in the P.O. as it- is for us. Hope Anna is improving. The roads have become dry and dusty. I cannot say surely that- I will come to see you tomorrow but- think I will. You need not- trouble to meet any of the trains.

Love from each of us Your brother

Edward.

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Turin. May 1, 1884.

Dear Sister Jennie.

I forgot to mention yesterday about shingles. Hand made shingles are not to be had here. Mr. Hughes sells the Cedar sawed shingles at $4.50 per thousand for the first quality and $3.50 per M for the second quality. The shingles are 18 inches long and will cover Eleven feet square or 121 square feet on the roof. They are to be laid 5½ inches to the weather. i.e. 5½ inches of the length of the shingle is exposed to the weather when laid in the roof. Mr. H. gets these

shingles from Canada. The cedar is harder than our cedar, therefor will not wear out so fast. He considers them better than the shaved spruce shingles that we get here. It costs him 12½ ct per thousand to bring them from Lyons Falls to Lisbon and he thinks that 12½ ct per M. would about cover the freight from Lyons Falls to Remsen. Has J. E measured the roof of the barn yet to know how many M it will require. Perhaps the same kind of shingles are kept at Remsen or Prospect. If you decide to get some of Mr. Hughes I will ascertain just what they will cost delivered at Remsen Let me know how many will be needed.

Mrs. White is moving today. Mr. House has moved to the Carter house by the school house and she moves into her house, where Mr. House has been living.

I took my breakfast this morning before coming to the store and have been here since about six o'clock. Carroll has been up here with Robbie for a walk R.s cough is loose this morning and he feels pretty well. Mate is coloring rags for her carpet today. We expect to have the garden plowed today. Hope we shall have a letter from you tonight. I understand Maggie is coming up the last of this week.

Love to you all Edward

Turin, May 21, 1884.

Dear Jennie,

Until last eve. I supposed my letter had been mailed but as it has not I will add a little to it. Your letter came last eve. We hope that Anna has regained what she lost monday night. She requires watchful care all the time.

Mr. Owen Griffith of Utica, the man with whom J.E. boards was here yesterday. I had a short visit with him. He spoke highly of J.E. I met Mrs. Gould in the store the other day. She inquired for Anna and you all. She said

she had a good visit with you last summer.

Maggie took dinner with us last Saturday. Clara came out too and called Sunday P. M. I suppose she commenced her school monday. Hope she will succeed. The marriage of Miss Cora Ives and Albert Woolworth is to occur at the home of the bride's parents a week from tomorrow. The following day Sunday is to observe Decoration Day.

Is your garden all made yet? Ours is not. We have so much rainy weather that it is hard to get it done.

We hope to hear often from you, and thank you for being so faithful in writing. Love to each one

Edward.

which he had canned this spring. He was quite proud of his ability to buy his own shoes. When they got home Robbie turned to his mama and said Bobbie, no shoes! Bobbie, no shoes! He thought he ought to have new shoes as well as they. His are pretty good yet so he will have to wait awhile.

Have you had time to look that bill over yet? If it is all right return it and I will make it out in better shape. I hope this long letter will not tire you all out. You might read it in sections as the continued stories.

Perhaps, however you will not care to read "last second" after reading last first. We hope to hear continued good reports from Anna, and that she will soon be able to sit up. Robbie has just come up to the store with his ball and bat. He looks as though he had strayed away from his maternal guardian.

We all send love

Edward.

Turin, Sept. 5, 1884.

Dear Sister—

Rev. L. Webber is driving out—from here to Utica today and intends calling on you. He has his invalid sister with him. She is going to Utica for treatment—and he is going to Oneida Castle to attend to Presbytery.

We are all pretty well except—Robbie who has taken some cold. He was quite restless through the night—but seems some better this morning. Baby has two teeth and is quite well. Wish I could attend the Gymnasium—but do not expect to.

Your brother
Edward

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15.

N. Y.

Troy, N. Y. March 20, 1885.

Dear Sister Jennie & All.

We have not heard a word, directly or indirectly from you since you left Utica, and we feel the loss of your correspondence more than anxiety for your welfare for we had assured that you will be well cared for while at Hillsdale. I wish I could spend this evening visiting with you all. Guess if I were really there I should want to stay longer than one brief evening. I know you must be enjoying your visit; and if you do not take cold it will do you so much good.

We received letters from Anna and Mary the latter part of last week and I have answered both. So now I am going to provoke a letter from you. I guess those are not just the words to use. I believe the facts of the case are these — I am owing you one or two letters and should apologize for not answering them in due time. I hope we shall hear from you soon, that we may know how you all are. I enjoyed my visit so much while I was there that I should like some time to repeat it.

Wonder if you are having so much severe cold weather as we are The mercury was down to 20 below zero. Tuesday morning and 12 below Wed. morning. It has been very cold and stormy all yesterday and today. Clara Williams had a severe attack

of Pleuro Pneumonia last sunday morn. She is much better and they consider out of danger now. Clara Everett is with Maggie now. Maggie gains very slowly. She has not sat up much yet. She has been sick seven weeks. Wm. P. went up to see them yesterday and staid at Pierce's over night.

We are anticipating a visit from you and Mary and Anna when spring opens and the ground settles. It cannot be long before we shall have warm weather. We have had no thaw of much account since sleighing came the latter part of January. The snow is now about 3½ feet deep in the woods We shall soon be having new maple sugar. I believe you were with us two years ago now.

The baby was 13 months old yesterday

and he celebrated the event by walking off nearly half across the room. His longest walk previous to that was about three steps. ~~Last~~ About ten days ago he had a slight attack of croup but he has nearly recovered from its effects now. He coughs some yet. Carroll and Charlie are pretty well except a little cold. Carroll takes part in the entertainment to be given by Banner Lodge next Tuesday eve. He and Charlie are doing nicely with their music. Mary is pretty well but she has her hands full taking care of us all. Her mother is with us now but intends to go back to the farm in a few days We all send love to all our dear ones in Hillsdale and hope to hear from you soon

I have this day let or rented the house now being vacated by me, in the village of Jerrin to Thos. W. Roberts, for the rent of six dollars per month, commencing Oct. 1. 1885, which rent is to be paid at the close of each three months. In case the house is sold Mr. Roberts agrees to vacate upon receiving thirty days written notice, for which 30 days he is to pay no rent. The rent is payable to Miss Jennie Everett, Kinsman. Ohio. and may be handed to Wm. P. Williams to be forwarded to her. Mr. Roberts agrees to take good care of the premises, and see that it is not misused. and he may sub-let one or two rooms for lodging if he desires.

but is not to admit another family to come in to keep house. I leave with him 72 lengths of common 6 inch pipe. Two lengths same with T. Three elbows of same. Also 7½ lengths 4 inch Russia pipe and one elbow of same.

Ivrin. Sept 17. 1885.

E. W. Everett, agent for Mrs Jennie Everett,

Thomas H. Roberts.

Nov. 13. 1885.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I found this letter of Charlie's under my desk as it is getting old I will send it as it is. He has gone to school. We try to have him practice a little every evening on the violin but he does not get to do it every eve. We are still having delightful weather — bright and sunny, with occasionally a windy day. The roads are grand.

Mrs. Bratton, a lady who lives 10 miles west of here, was in this morning before nine. She had driven out with horse & carriage after getting breckfast for the men. She called on Mate about two weeks ago and this morning brought her a nice mess of

Sweet potatoes that they raised. Mate is going out to visit her when Cina or Abbie can go with her. We were very very glad to get your last letter and especially as part of it was from you. It had been fully near two weeks since we had heard and we were anxious to know how you were getting along.

We are all well and ~~well~~ busy as usual. Last eve we finished putting down the carpet in our bedroom. Hope to get the carpet down on the sitting room this eve. That will be the last room to carpet. Last night was the first frost we have had to freeze the ground. Write often to your bro.

Edward

Olyte, Kan. Nov. 9. 1885.

Dear Aunt Anna

I think it is time for me to write. Papa rec. your letter last Friday. Mama has got pretty well settled. I go to school and Carroll works in the store. Nov 10. Aunt Abbie and Uncle Giffe brother's wife have been down here to day. How is aunt Jennie. We just got the crockery to day they came way from Ohio. We have got two hens. Aunt Abbie has been here two times and Aunt Lina once. Carroll has gained 6 pounds and Papa 7 Mama 8 and me 6 and Robbie and Babie keeps their

Alpe, Ks. Feb 27, 1891.

Dear Sister Jennie & All.

It is a long time since we have had a letter from your pen, and it is just possible that it is all my fault for I am apt to be negligent about answering letters, when I have a good deal to do.

Little Harry has quite recovered and regained his strength. He does not try to talk yet except to say mamma and papa occasionally.

Ray is learning to

shell - can spell readily
a great many little
words but does not know
any of his letters by sight -
except O. but I think
he will soon learn them.
I will enclose his photo.
We have not had Harry's
yet. Carroll has not been
home since the holidays
He will have a vacation soon.
Charlie attended the state
oratorical contest at the
Whitley Opera house Emporia
a week ago. Mr. Parrington,
who represented the C of E.
second prize of $25. Charlie
was very much interested in
the exercises. The quartette
of which Carroll is a
member sang twice.
This quartette gave a

concert at Americus about a week previous to this and they cleared $2.50 each.

Have you heard from Anna lately. Charlie wrote to her a few days ago and sent her one of Ray's photos. When do you look for a visit from J. Edward? Wish we might have a visit from him at the same time. Do you all keep from taking cold during these sudden changes? Has Robbie and John made any plans in regard to the farm yet?

Must close now with love to all

Your brother

Edward

May 27th 1880

Dear J. E-

We rec'd. your card some time ago have not heard from J- yet. E- wonders why some of you don't write & know the City is a busy place. We are having lovely weather our Celtuce is up. Shall pull it up in ground Tuesday. E- goes over Hill every day he goes in the Home Hill. He is very well, & seems to agree with him. The boys are well Jos writes & let us know what

Has become of Mrs. Hall. write from Santa Cruz

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Mr. Luther A. Crowell

1881-84 L.

New York City

Pay business of town?
How to pay the agent
What I do with [illegible] after the first year
Do I have to go inside unit to pay taxes?

Turin, N. Y. April 5, 1883.

My Dear Nephew,

Your letter of the 17th ult. to your aunts was forwarded to New York and they have returned it to me to answer your questions about collecting. I have delayed writing as I did not have time to answer it immediately. I am at the store until 9 or 10 o'clock every night and have but little time to myself during the day. It will not be wise for you to start out until the roads become settled in Wisconsin. I do not know, however how soon that will be. We have now about three feet of snow on the level, and

the roads are quite impassable. They have to carry the mail to Lyons Falls on foot. It will probably be three weeks before the roads will be much better than at present. There is a box of the cofiant at the house of Rev. R. Trogwy Evans, (formerly of Remsen) Ashkosh, containing 50 of the cofiant and 20 Uncle Tom. This is all the books there are in Wis. There is a box containing the same number of each at the depot at Remsen. I have about 40 of the cofiant here and there are about 40 perhaps at Steuben. That is about all there are unsold. I had great difficulty in knowing beforehand where to have the books sent to and had to sell in many places from sample or not sell at all. When I went to a welsh settlement and had no books I first looked up a trusty man who would act as agent to deliver the books and collect the pay when the books were delivered. I would then go around and take orders from the sample which I always carried with me, and at the same time I would look up the old debts. If you do so, you should give instructions to your agent not to deliver the book without

getting the pay for it. There are now enough old debts standing out. And when you come across one of the delinquents that is not quite ready to pay you but will make a fair promise to send you the money, try to have him borrow it, or offer to take a little less if he will get you the money before you leave town. A bird (or a dollar) in hand is worth two in the bush (or in promises) - this is generally true. When I collected a bill I used to draw a line through the word Executrix and sign my own name and I think you better do the same. If you cannot get the money it is always better to get a note payable in 3, 6 or 12 months. Tell them you have been sent to see them for the express purpose of settling the account and if it is in a note then it is settled at least. You might make it payable

to yourself or if they prefer you could make it payable to your agent and leave it with the agent if you get a good reliable man to act as your agent. Sometimes I used to give a copy of the Uncle Tom where I stayed or where I had made them a good deal of trouble. But those that I sold I got 30 cents for them.
I have the bills for Wisconsin & Illinois made out and I will look them up and send them to your aunt Anna to be revised. I think you could spend six weeks profitably in Wisconsin and Illinois if you have good success and perhaps two months. I ~~will~~ think it would be well for you to write to your Aunt Jane that you expect to go on this trip and perhaps she would like to have you collect for her. Mr. Davies knew I was going and did not request me to collect for him so I made no effort to do so but receive the money for him from those who wished to pay I think the box that is in Kinsman ought to be sent to some point in Ills. but I do not know where it would

best to have it sent. There will be difficult in selling what there are left if you visit the Welsh settlements in Wis. I did not try to sell any in Chicago. The Welsh are very much scattered and it is much more difficult to find them than it is in a farming community. It is best generally to find the Welsh Cong. pastor when you first go to a place and get his advice how to proceed. You can do but little by going to the meetings except to introduce the subject. It is difficult to sell a book or anything else in a crowd. You need to see the men one by one at home. You will know more about it when you get through. I generally tried to see those who have been subscribers for the Cen. as they are more apt to be interested in the book. You will find a great many in Wis. who came from Oneida County and others who heard Father preach when he went through Wis in 1858.

Yours truly Thomas

Our school closes tomorrow. Mr. Capron is to teach again next term. Mate is all broken out with the muck measals or Rosiola. Baby is quite well walks all around his mother missed him the other day and when she found him he was on the fourth stair going up stairs. The next day she had been making two loaves of gingerbread and had just then gone on a low shelf in the pantry. She missed him again and when she found him he had one handful out of the middle of one cake and the other fist-full out of the other cake enjoying himself nicely. He is a "right smart" little boy.

Has your father got him a new churn yet? Did he get the circular I sent him describing a barrel churn? The farmers about here like it very much I presume he can get one in Kansas City or St Louis. How is his corn now? We were very glad to get the photographs. Mate says she is glad she did not get that picture of your father and one that we had taken in Paola until after I came or she would have sent for me immediately. I did look

quite sagard in that picture. I hope my sheep bear from you soon. Maggie is going to teach school on Sug Hill this summer. We want to hear from you both soon. Your dear sister

Turin, July 9th. 1883.

Dear E. & all!

We were glad to hear by your postal that you had arrived safely at home and that sister Mary is probably at Rossa now. Wish we might favored with a short visit from her before she returns. Our Kansas friends expect to leave us next Monday. We are expecting to go to B. Lake on Thursday or Friday but will not stay on night. We do not expect to go to 1000 Islands on the 11th with the Excursion

Love to all

W. C.

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Box 15

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Sunn July 13/83

Dear Nephew.

We are going to B. Lake today. Do not intend to stay over night. Mr. W. & Irving came home yesterday noon. Irving is better but not well yet. We had a heavy shower in the night but it is nice and pleasant now 5 A.M. We shall start about six.

~~Hoot~~ Farmers tell me it is very difficult to find help in haying and wages are 2.00 to $2.50 I think you could get $2.25 if you were here Write to us. Enhaste

E. W. E.

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J. E. Everett Esq.
Remsen
N. Y.

Sunin, July 16/83,

Dear Nephew!

Your letter was recd. Sat. Eve. Will try to answer it soon. We had a very pleasant time at the Lake on Friday and returned same day. Abbie & Jennie start this A.M. They stop at Holland Patent until Wednesday and reach home Friday or Saturday. We are all well The boys are anticipating a pleasant time when they go to Remsen. Hope they can go for a short visit before their school closes. More anon.

In haste

E. W. E.

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J. Edw. Everett, Esq

Remsen

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Box 15

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My Dear Nephew:-

We received your letter
sat. eve. and would be very
glad if we could give our cousin
some encouragement- as to securing
a school in this county but- it
is a little late or at- least- will
be before she could possibly get-
here. The annual school meetings
throughout the state are held
this week (July 25) Each school
board is composed of three members
viz Director. Treas. and Clerk
One retiring each year This year
a new director is to be elected.
Nearly every school in the
county will be taken before Aug. 1.

In this county are about 200 qualified teachers, besides those who teach the city schools, all of whom want schools, and as there are only about 110 teachers employed in the county there will be about 90 who cannot secure schools in this co. There have been three lady teachers here to see the board about this school this week. As a rule, teachers are hired here for the whole school year, which cannot be less than three months but is usually 7 to 9 months. The wages paid is usually $35. to $50. per month. Last year our teachers received $50. and ~~$40.~~ $45. respectively for a term of 9 mos. The State Normal school is located at Emporia with an attendance of about 800

and possibly teachers are more numerous here than in other counties.

I suppose you knew I had some hopes of getting the appointment of postmaster here. I suppose that matter is settled now and I am not to have it.

Am glad you are able to spend so much of your vacation at home with your aunt Anna and that are having such a good visit from J. H. Butler. Wish I might spend a little time there too. Charlie and Eddie are still at your father's. There is no intimation of homesickness in Charlie's letters so we do not know when to expect them home.

for bunk. The onions, the earliest are all in one. There are Hale's Early, three quarts of Livingston's Early, three quarts of Livingston's Early and a long row of Livingston's Early and a long row of Livingston's Early and a long row

Emporia. Jan. 11, 1917.

My Dear Nephew,

I was glad to get that old letter. Dated Feb 10 1857. It will be sixty years old next month. I well remember the incident where it speaks of Rina Griffith going out of the window and falling on the frozen ground about 15 feet below but I cannot understand what Sarah is referred to in the letter unless your aunt Sarah (who wrote the letter) refers to herself as being in bed a good part of the day, after washing

The Lizzie is your aunt Lizzie Roberts
The baby is your cousin Robert H Everett
who now lives near Paola. I think
the letter was written to your aunt
Mary who was then at Graefenburg
Water cure, near Utica.

I think I wrote you acknowledging

the receipt of the bones which you sent. They came while Harry was at home, and he was very much pleased to get them. They came in good shape. He will surely be very glad to get the books. They have not come yet.

I used to enjoy so much getting letters from your aunt Mary, and now I miss them. The last one was written just a short time before her last sickness

Love

With to you all from your aunt Mate and myself

E. W. Everett

Turin, Lewis Co. N.Y. Feb 8/66.

Dear Brother John

Your welcom
letter was recd yesterday. I
was rather surprized to hear that
you had decided to go back to
Kansas this spring. Our folks
will miss you very much. I
hope you are not intending
to go then to stay; for I think
it would be much pleasanter
for you and us all if you could
dispose of your property in Kansas
and settle down here at home. I
am coming home to see you
before you go. We have none
of Dewey's cloth in the store that
would suit you, none heavy enough

He makes his 3/4 goods lighter than he used to therefore I think you had better to have 3/4 yds of the 4/4 goods. He will get you the cloth and send it down as soon as possible. And if there is any other goods in one line that you or any of our folks would like, please send on the orders and I will endeavor to please. Dry goods are a little lower than they have been. Trade has been moderate for a month past. Today we had an old fashioned rush. They complain very much of the dullness of trade in New York during the month of January. They were expecting a large southern trade. The large cities in the south are full of goods now taken down by

northern men, but they are not sold them so readily as was expected. The people there are truly in need of goods but only a very few of them can afford to purchase. The place to sell goods is always where money is plenty.

I am glad to hear that you are enjoying yourself this winter in attending the singing schools and visiting &c. I would be very glad to have you make me a visit before you go back to Kansas. I wish you and one or more of the girls would drive up and make me a call if nothing more. I suppose the sleighing is good now from here to Kansas.

We intend before a great
while to have a quicker
conveyance, when the iron
horse gets running through
here. It does me lots of
good to write and receive
letters especially home
letters. I believe if it were
not for letters I would get
homesick. I like to write
even if I do not have
much to say. I will now
close by sending much love
to all at home

Your brother,

Eddie.

Turin, April 14 84

My Dear Carroll

We were quite disappointed in not hearing from you Saturday but suppose you had been too busy to write. Shall expect a letter tonight. Mama walked out as far as the M.E. Ch. yesterday P.M. and as far the other way as Hart's lane. Saturday Mama let Robbie go out the back door to play and the little fellow got away and came up to the store alone Ria came for him. When are you coming home? We are all well. Ever Yours

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J. Carroll Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Troin. April 16, 1884.

My Dear Carroll.

I did not have time to answer your letter yes-terday morning. We were very glad to hear from you even if the two letters did come at once they were quite interesting. I wrote to your aunt Jennie that you had better come home this noon. But as it has been raining a good deal and cloudy this morning I hope you will do as you and the aunties think best about coming today.

If you do come today perhaps you better come on the stage if it is there. If you do walk do not forget to put on your boots and put your pants inside of your boots.

Willie Hart was in the store last eve inquiring when you was expected home. He is to have a sugar party tonight and has invited you. Mr. W. P Wms. went to Utica yesterday morning and I expect him home this afternoon on the 2.24 P. M. train.

Wm. White has sold the store and house attached to John Strong.

With love to you both and the aunties from

Father.

Tivin. April 16/84.

My Dear Charlie.

We were very glad to get both of your letters. They were crowded full. I shall not ask you to write again as I expect you will come home today. Johnny Hillagas is quite sick. The Dr. says he is threatened with fever.

I wish you had been here yesterday to help me get Dwight's black pig in. He got out and Anna came for me to help capture him. So I had to lock the store and go for him I found him in Sliter's yard. I got

him into a corner so that I could catch him and then took him by the ears and managed to get him through the gate and then we drove him back into his pen.

The ladies of the Pres. Ch. are to have a sugar social at Music Hall on Thursday eve. of this week

Alex. Dewse moved to Lowville yesterday. Wright Van=
=Namee's child about a year old, was buried yesterday. His mother died about a year ago. Irving has gone to his uncle Pierce We shall look for you this afternoon but hope you will do just as you and the aunties think best. We are all well. Robbie wants to see you both. Love from Papa

Turin, April 17, 1884.

My Dear Charlie.

We received your letters and postal last eve. We were sorry to learn that you were lame. Hope it will not trouble you much more. We want you to do just as you and aunt may thinks best about coming home before saturday. Think it will be better for you to come on the noon train when you come and you better both come up on the stage. Clara Comish has been exposed to the measals at Mr. Hills'. She thinks

she will be coming down with them tomorrow or Saturday. Arthur Kidder does Mrs. Lewis' chores. She wants to know when Carroll is coming home. She says he knows just what to do better than Arthur.

The snow has nearly all disapeared from our streets and the frost is nearly out. They are plowing under the hill. Sugar weather is nearly past. It is snowing just a little this morning.

We shall all be very glad to see you home again. Mama cut Robbie's hair yesterday. It looks better.

Love to you both and the aunties from your father

E. W. E.

Irwin, Dec. 30. 1884.

My Dear Boys

We were very much pleased to get such a good letter from Charlie last-eve and especially to get the 29 kisses at the bottom. We are all getting along nicely. There has been no shoveling snow to be done since you left us and our walk and Mrs. Lewis walk home on ice on them now. The weather is so mild that I fear we shall lose our snow again. I hope you will be careful not to take cold for you know it is easier to take cold such weather than

when it is steady, cold weather.

We shall expect you on the 2-20 train tomorrow when Mr. Glidden comes.

There is to be a watch meeting at the M. E. church tomorrow eve. Rev. Mr. Hooker is going to leave Sunrise this week for good. He goes to Mass. I think. I have no time to write more now. Don't forget to bring home your tooth-brushes. We all send lots of love to you both and to the aunties and J. E.

Your Father.

Carroll Chase

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Troy, Sept. 16, 1885.

My Dear Mary and boys,

I hope you got to the aunties without any trouble and that you will not take a cold. And that you found the aunties pretty well. I have sent your trunk this morning. Did not lock it as I could not find the key nor could I find one at Rigg or Strongs. Hope you can find one there.

Thos. W. Robert is here fixing the spring beds. He told me this morning that he would rent the house at the terms I offered it to him. and will

take good care of the house.
It is a relief to me to
know who will be in the
house when we are gone.
Charlie and I took dinner
and breakfast at Budd's.
I will bring you grey flannel
sack when I come also Carroll's
hat. I sold the O plates last
[illegible] and the B. Jars to Nelson
Burdick His brother in law,
Mr. Cook has promised to come
this morning and take the
cook stove at $8. I think
J. Lobeck will buy the chairs.
When I returned last eve
I realized that our home was
broken up. But we will soon
have another. We must brace
up and hope we will like
the change. I must close
and go to work. Charlie

and Rea are taking out the tots from the dining room carpet... We both send lots of love and kisses for you and the babies. We slept up stairs in our bed last night.

Write me today.

Love husband and father.

E. H. E.

Tiffin. Sept. 17, 1885.

My Dear Mary.

Your letter was very welcome last eve. We got it on our way home from prayer meeting. We have taken 3 meals at Dr. Badds. one at Rev. Mr. Mahler. and slept at Mr. Sims last night and will take breakfast there. Mr Sims went to the fair yes= =terday. and saw Ferris Newman. His health is not good enough for him to undertake any work. That man did not count after the kitchen stove as he agreed.

I do not see how we can finish up so as to come before tomorrow night. Don't [illegible]

one meet us before that time 7 – 12 P. M. tomorrow and then they need not meet us unless it is convenient as we can walk up. We will come sooner if possible but cannot finish to come today. We will try to finish up everything and leave nothing undone.

How I wish I could see you all this beautiful morning as I am seated by the kitchen fire. Charlie is up stairs getting the things out of the clothes presses We are both quite well.

We send lots of love to you all.

Your husband, father.

E. M. B.

Dear Sister Mary

Your letters to me and to Eddie, one containing Mother's very welcome epistle, were received yesterday and to-day. I have not seen Eddie to speak to him since yesterday about 4 o'clock when I handed him your first letter. To-day noon Mr. B. Roberts, who has room in the ~~depot~~ P.O. brought your last letter, which I ventured to open and read. As I was going to the Philosophy class I sent it by Mr. White to Eddie. It is now between 3 and 4. I may see E. yet to-day. I thought I saw Uncle pass through the St. yesterday afternoon, so I was

going to the shoe-shop, as those things may have come. Thank you all for remembering me so materially, and thank you and Mother very much for writing. I had intended to take for Eddie to-morrow. Tell mother not to be concerned about my comfort nights. I sleep quite warm. I have a brick, but have had no occasion to use it. I wrote a note to Jennie stating that the Music Teacher is about to leave, (or perhaps has left) I have learned that it has not been decided who shall fill her place, but that they have different ones in view. What does Anna think about writing for the place, proposing perhaps to take it for a Term or two on trial. I am to read my first Essay, on Wednesday evening. The following Tuesday. I expect we will hear something about Eddie. Tell me

written you anything about his promotion. I am very comfortable, have learned to make my fire quite scientifically with a kindling, and not let it kindle to any alarming extent. I am not nearly so homesick as I have been. — I think it very doubtful that Mrs. Davis will return. Her brother Tom was here day before yesterday, and he said she was quite poorly, though some better, that she had finally given up the idea of returning. Her brother Thomas came yesterday for the Holiday vacation from Auburn. He say he think Sarah will return but she had not been home —

Mr. H. says if she does not return, she will lend me bed and pillows if there is a comforter, and anything that I need, I must inform them. They are very kind. Eddie has got me a tin cup and a tumbler. I have also a pitcher.

Libbie Jones, Andrew Jones daughter, rooms with me as a day scholar. Fannie Ellis was here this morning. I have just received Jennie's letter.

I guess Cynthia has handed me this letter before she has finished it. I take the liberty of writing a few lines in it. I thank you very much for fixing this coat so nice for me. Tell Anna I am very much obliged to her for that nice neckie. Cynthia and I have been talking about having a room at Mr. Roberts and boarding ourselves there. If we can get a room I think it will be pleasant for us both. Cynthia just spoke to me about it last night as we were coming from Mr. Roberts. I do not know how it will be yet. I think Cynthia is looking full as well as when we came out here. I wish you and Jennie would come down to see us when there is sleighing all the way, but we have had no sleighing yet. Much love from your brother

Eddie.

Wheeloon Jan. 25 th/66

Dear Sister

I take time to write a few lines home, after you left me at Benoin Lyon Johnny came and went down together and went to the fair after dinner and saw the menagerie. There were not a great many there we stayed about an hour and a half and then left the fair ground & came to Wheeloon did not feel much like studying when I got here, but I did most all my lessons. I had but most only in Book keeping or Grammar but I have to work pretty hard to catch up with in Arithmetic class. We have been saying some new tunes in the singing class and will commence on the 1st Sunday

Robert James brought John down this morning and stayed down to dinner. William Ames has a bad cold and some sore throat.

Cynthia has been home with Miss Williams she went Friday and came home Monday, she came to see me last night in my room, she didn't stay more than five minutes because Miss. Bean was so cross to her.

David said that the oatmeal bread was just what it had been waiting for. I was very sorry to find out that I had forgot to lose teeth and that those we didn't have any of them I suppose. I must close in hast.

Edward H. Eaves 11

Turin, January 12th '66.

Sister Mary

I guess you will think me ungrateful in not writing to acknowledge the receit of things you sent me I have just been eating one of those nice apples you sent me from home. They came all safe and without freezing. They are very nice and taste better than any I ever tasted at home I think. We enjoy them very much.

Those wristbands fit me exactly and I think will be just things but perhaps you had better not make

any more just now
until I wear these and
see how they go. I thank
you very much for making
them, but – that is not pay-
ing you for your trouble.

I cannot help speaking
of the comment I hear
about the singing in the C.
meeting. Mr. Jones said it was
the best singing he has heard
in this county. "It was terrable
good" he said. I hope their
interest in singing will be
kept up.

I have been to the weekly
prayer meeting to-night which
was held at a private house.
There was but few in attendance.
After a short interval of prayer
Mr. Parsons proposed that a
part of our evenings meetings
should be occupied by

reading and discussing
some portion of the Bible
and to put it in practice he
had us gather around the
table which was placed in
the middle of the room
and each having a bible
we took the first chapter
of Daniel which book he
thought was of particular
interest to us this year as
part of the prophecy having
reference to the present time.
This part of the meeting
was very interesting and I
hope it will be followed
up in our prayer-meetings.
I hope to be able to attend
these meetings most every
week as we usually have
but very little trade evenings.
I have subscribed for the
Pharos Journal for this year.

do you get it now.

We are having capital sleighing now and everybody seems to be improving it. You spoke in your letter about having company that eve. I hope you had a pleasant visit and when you return it carry my regards to them as I can not come bodily.

Is there a young lady at our house that gives music lessons occasionally? if there is, and if she has so much time I would like to hear from her. If she has moved away will her next door sister please write.

Tell Eddie that I thank him for his little letter I read it every word and found it full of interest give him a kiss for me. Now do not forget to write again soon. We are both quite well and join in love to all at home

Lurin, Feb. 20th 1866.

Dear Mary, and all at Home

I write you this to let you know that I got home all safe and comfortable After leaving Sarah at Ransom 4 1/2 o'clock I found the roads good and got to Bethel in an hours Took tea at Mr. Williams' and started home and comfortable at 6 o'clock. We came all the way from there without feeling the least cold, got here about 10 o'clock. But there was a gloom cast over Lurin. She told me the sad news that Mrs. Parsons' was dead I had not heard that she was sick, but she was taken Saturday with Spasms

and died about six Saturday evening. The funeral service was held at 10 o'clock here today and the body was taken to Bonnie to be ready to start in the morning on the cars for interment at Greenville Mass. the place where her folks live. This is a great calamity for the church and community and especially for Mr. Parsons. but "his ways are not our ways." Mr. Fisher from the falls preached the funeral sermon from the text "Cast thy burden on the Lord." William has gone to Bonnie with the funeral procession as he is one of the Pall Bearers.

I hope you will excuse this scrawl as I have a toothache which is rather disagreeable I guess I took some cold in it. Hope it will not last long.

Good night now. Write soon

Love from Eddie

P.S. Tell father the name of the new Subscriber is Mrd. Mary Jones.

E

Turin July 15th 1866.

Dear Sister Mary

Father and Mother

arrived here last evening about six o'clock safe, tired after the journey which was rather long for such a warm day. They stoped in the store a little while and then disregarding all inducements I could produce for them to stay here they went up on the hill. I thank you very much for sending me this beautiful bouget which is standing on the stand by my side sending forth its fragrance and cheering us with its beauty. I think more of flowers than I used to

You know I used to think they were useless plaything But it is not so; they are models of refinement and taste. And teaches us to admire even the smallest works of our Creator.

We have just had one of those refreshing, purifying showers of which this season has been characteristic. Early this morning the sun shone warm and pleasant and about eight o'clock the sky grew dark and dark ~~and~~ clouds rolled over us and burst in torrent but in half an hour it cleared off. and ran, (half past nine A.M. one looking at the sky would not know that it had rained in a week.

I was sorry to learn by John's letter that his health is poorly Hope he will keep up courage. I must write to him again although he owes me a letter. Perhaps I have more time to write than he does.

P½ P. M. — I have heard father preach twice to-day and finally succeeded in having him come down to our prayer-meeting this evening. They were very urgent to have him stay on the hill and preach in the Methodist Church this evening, but as he did not feel able to preach three times he concluded to come down. I have enjoyed their visit very much indeed but only wish they

could stay longer. Mother tells me Jennie and you talk of going to Clinton to the Commencement. I hope you will have a pleasant time. And while you are about it visiting, think of us. Lizzie is a pleasant place to visit, and we are not so busy in the store now but that I might take you around some. We are expecting a fine time next Wednesday evening at the festival. We commenced last evening to trim the hall with Cedars. If you happen to be any where near a telegraph office you can telegraph right to the hall as we are going to run a wire over and have an instrument in the room so as to send messages to any one there and collect charges

for the benefit of the festival. The office belongs to our Church. Think we'll be married Sunday. Write soon. Love to Father and Sister Lizzie Co. Good night. Edith

very much. Indeed, I think all were well pleased with the trip. Cynthia stayed at Mr. Bankhead's last night and they took her up to Mr. Roberts this morning. She has no school until to-morrow I think the trip did her good she seemed to be pretty well rested this morning. It has been a very quiet forth ni Lurin, It commenced raining about ten and rained until about four, when it cleared off pleasant Cynthia has named a jockey up yesterday and says you need not trouble about sending hers up if you have not sent it.

Jennie I wish you could go out to Brantingham Lake some time, you would enjoy

so much. The lake is nearly a mile and a half each way and surrounded by forest. There are hills all around, excepting the one way we go in. If I had the pen of a ready writer, I would give you glowing account of the lake and its romantic surroundings, but I will let Cone this for your immagination to do. Thus you see how I celebrated the fourth on the third. I would like to hear how you all spent the fourth. Let me hear from you soon.

Love from your

Brother

[illegible]

[illegible] you will
pardon me for not answering
your letter sooner. The money
was Recd. all right and I
had mentioned it in a letter
to Lewis that the letter
was recd. I never received a
letter to you but I sent it
but must say without
writing it. [illegible]
down last evening and
we both took a ride out
and made a call. We
both enjoyed it very much
It was a splendid evening
to ride out. Cynthia Can

tell you more about it
when she get home.

She expects to go
out on the second train
Perhaps this letter will
not reach you 'till
she gets home. Mrs. John
S. Jones is commissioner
ioner. He is to preach in
committee next Sabbath
Mrs. Van Longhurst and
Mrs. C. L. Owens are going to
Corsicana to-morrow (Friday)
to visit Mrs Francis and
others. They are coming
back to-morrow evening.
There is no need of my
writing much as I will tell you the whole
when she comes. I don't
much expect to get any
letters from home
when she leaves
as I want to be very

agreably surprised if I
should get one occasionally
from brother.

Edolia

dre [illegible]
[illegible] such as I missed [illegible]
[illegible] upon our grounds.
I really want [illegible]
all. While down on the [illegible]
[illegible] we commence the [illegible]
[illegible] commence then [illegible]
[illegible]
Steuben? How is Sallie going to get his lessons done this year?

Good Night

With Love from Estelle

Turin Sept. 24th 1867

Dear Mary

I fear some of you are sick that I do not hear from you. Hope it is owing to some other cause however. I have had a good deal to do and think about for the last week and have not written to you or to the girls. Have not heard from them for over a week. I have enjoyed Hinkley Mitchells' company very much. He went with me to the S.S. Celebration last Thurs=

day. We went down to the high falls and picnicked in the grove just below the falls. The falls are very fine. We saw a rainbow very plainly at the falls. After refreshments we took a ride on the steam boat down the river about 4 miles and back. All were well pleased and we returned about five. The day was one of the finest of the season. I think a celebration is just as necessary to keep up a Sabbath School as it is to a common school.

Are you still studying

Homeopathy as much as ever. Have you decided what to do this coming Winter? I wish some of you would make me a visit while this pleasant weather lasts. Mr & Mrs Dunton, have not returned from their visit to Rochester yet but we expect them this week. Mr. Parsons was with us in Lodge This evening and presided in the absence of Bro. Hotham and in the absence of the W. See. I occupied that post. It seemed like old times last winter We are going to institute

a Cold Water Sample
to-morrow evening for
the south. I will write
you more about this
next time.

Please answer this
note this time and
write me soon
Yours with Love to
all. E. W. Everett

Turin, Jan 2nd 1868.

Dear Sister Mary

It is a long time since I received your letter, but I can not better commence the year than by answering letters. How did you spend Christmas? merily I hope. I managed to spend a pleasant evening attending a Christmas tree at Stoneville it had been raining more or less all day. In the evening it grew colder and was just right for a sleigh ride; and this was the first of the season for me. The evening before they had a tree at the M. E. here Church, and Friday evening we had ours. The weather and roads were rather unfavorable raining and roads soft. But we had a comfortably full house. The children were well pleased as also were the older folks. We had a large Havana Orange

on the tree for each mem=
ber of the Sunday School. I
received ten presents all told, among them
a fine diary which I am now using.
A fruit knife (silver) and a silver
napkin ring from my class. Also
a beautiful book mark from Mrs.
Delia Williams.

I have not yet made arrange=
ments to remain here another year
and probably will not= if so I do not
know just what I shall do, but that
does not trouble me much. I
did expect to go home this week
but as fathers friends are going to
make him a donation visit
after next perhaps I shall wait
until then. Wish you could be
at home then.

I am ashamed that I have
not written to Cozy. Thomes yet.
What is he doing now? Please
present my kind regards to him
and to Coz. Lizzie.

I do not feel much like
writing to=night. Think I could
feel better if I had gone to bed
and I wish I had and was up

and dressed to-morrow morning but I must mail this letter first and then go.

It is quite an improvement to have the cars running in Lewis Co. it is not quite so difficult to get away from home as it used to be. The stage does not leave here until half past seven in the morning and gets here in the evening by half past nine. We also have a middle train. Do you attend any lectures except Medical? I wish I was where I could attend lectures occasionally. Please write to me again as soon as you can or as soon as you think I deserve it.

Love from your
Brother Eddie.

P.S. Do I die if your letters right?

Lewis, N.Y. Nov. 29/74.

Dear Sister

I received a note from Thursday or Friday eve stating that Mary and John Eddie had come home for a short visit and that they would probably return the next day. We were glad to know that you could visit home even for a day or two, but were selfish enough to wish that you had waited until the middle of January when we hope to visit Remsen with our little family. Owen said nothing about Anna so we suppose she did not come. The books came last night all right. What did they cost? One of them is for Charlie Croft. We have been very busy in the

store this fall I have not had enough help. Yesterday I engaged another hand in the store who is coming tomorrow to stay two months. His name is Owen Evans, brother of John Evans, Harness-maker. He is 22 yrs of age — a green hand in the store. I hope he will be a good deal of help for us. Mate and the children are quite well, and so am I. Abbie is still with us. We expect George to board with us and attend school next term. Carroll is teasing for a sled. I guess I will get him one this week. He goes to Sunday school with me occasionally. Today he staid to meeting. Charlie is a good little boy but does not learn to talk much yet. Carroll can tell what town, County and

state he lives in. and he can tell who is Governor and President. He has a great desire to ride on the cars and says he is going to New York with papa sometime to see aunt Mary and John Eddie.

We are having good sleighing now. Wish you could have made us a little visit when you were home. How are you getting along with the house. Does it prove to be a success? Do you intend to keep it another year? Hope you are doing better than you were at first.

About two months ago I met a lady in the store from New York who is a nurse. Mrs Perry 282. 6th Ave. She told me that she hired rooms and went out as a nurse.

I told her about you and gave her your card. She said she would call on you. Have you ever met her? I thought perhaps you could be of benefit to each other.

Anna, how long do you intend to stay in the metropolis? We hope to see you when we go to Remsen.

Accept much love from us all and let us hear from you soon. Mate says she is going to write to you soon.

From your brother
Eddie.

Turin, Aug. 2. 1876.

Dear Sister Mary,

Your card was rec'd. last eve. I feel as though I ought to come home this week on Cynthia's account as she is so low but when I come I want to bring Nate & the boys, and she does not feel as though she could go to Remsen until her sister starts back — next Monday I fear Cynthia is in a critical condition. If she is no better and you think I ought to come home Saturday please write me to that effect. I hope to hear that she is better, and that she may yet regain her health.

We are all well. Fanny & Abbie went to the Lake this morning.

We all send love to you all. I hope we may see you before you return, but hardly expect you to visit us this time although we should be exceedingly glad to have you come and bring brother Butler and family with. Has Hattie met Mr. N. since she has been there? When she visits us perhaps she could induce him to drive out here from Louville — only 11 miles. I think that would be nice. Tell her that we hope she will make that arrangement.

Your brother
Eddie.

P. S. Write me a card today if you get this in time.

Ilion, Dec. 13. 1876.

Dear Sister Mary

We were pained to learn of mother's sad accident last sunday. We got Jennie's letter Monday eve. which mentioned of your being at home which was the first intimation we had of your having left N. Y. Last eve. we received your letter of the 9th. which explained of your being at home. I wrote a card to Jennie yesterday Morning but it was too late to mail it, so I did not send it. Yesterday morning they started with the body of Robert Jones from Mr. Hart's house to bury at Capel Isaf and I had to be there to help as I had but little time to write. Your postal of 12 was rec'd. last eve. We were glad to

hear that mother is as comfortable as she is. Hope you will stay at home awhile until mother is better.

Tell Jennie I sent to Syracuse for a shawl (the same place that I got Nettie's) but they were out of them could not find any all black so sent none. I afterwards sent to N.Y. but have not heard from there.

We shall be anxious to hear every day if it is nothing but a card. If it were not for mother's "habit" of recovering rapidly after such accidents I should feel that there is more danger but I trust that she may be as fortunate in recovering this time as in the many such experiences she has had. It seems that she more than her share of such accidents. The children have both had colds but are better now. I am much as when you left.

Eddie.

Cleveland O. Aug 14/82

Dear Emilen,

I do not remember where I told you to direct but I am going today to Lima, Allen Co. I will be in that section for a few days and shall become tired of this work. It is very pleasant but I am discouraged. This is a beautiful city. Had a very pleasant visit with Bonnie Nevins. She wants to hear from you if you have time from

POSTAL CARD.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

R.P.O.
TR.8

Miss Mary [illegible]
433 W. 34th St.
New York

Tunica Feb 10th/07

Dear sister Mary

I ought to have answered your kind letters before I have not had very much time to answer your letters thank you very much for your kind advise Edward is gaining as fast as we can expect for a person that is so weak as he is. The fever has

dat him entirely. It has
been a great comfort
to us all Mother has
been with us since he
was taken I hope when
he gets entirely well I
hope he will be better
than he has been for
some time his bowels haven't
moved since last Wednesday
just one week to day
he has'nt any fever since
Tuesday morning
has lost very much
he thinks we are very
strict with him
Carroll goes to school
is a very good boy

Charlie thanks for me
of going home with-
Sarah, It is getting late
and I had hard to
tell you and might
will write a little in
the morning Mate.

F.

Swan Dale, 11-10-17.

Dear Sister Mary:

I sent you a short note in Mother's letter this morning, as I had but a few minutes to write, I saw Linda, and he showed me a telegram he had just received from you. I am very, very sorry you have been so long without a letter and had such anxious hours. I hope you will get our letter tomorrow morning. Try not to worry for we will be sure to inform you of Eddie's arrival, or if it does not from you or us, I will think he is getting better and the pain may cease. We are gradually learning more and more, how to enjoy the

of an orange very much. She loves
to move about once in awhile
now, but not generally, sometimes
hard and quick — and after her
off to arrange [illegible]

[illegible]

This is a picture of Edith crying
for yet with very little of crying
writing that she will. I do not [illegible]
much time to write, the children
require a great deal of attention
to keep them reasonably quiet.
Everett goes to school which is
a great help. — Edith has not
had a movement of the bowels yet.
Do you think we need to be anxious
about that? Dr. Jones gives him
what a very little medicine, he says
that he is getting along as well
as he possibly can. Edith has
slept most of morning and most

mare today. Ben yesterday. I think he tried to keep me quiet yesterday that he might slack better in the night, but he failed in that as he is staying rather [illegible] today. It seems he was that he has been now quieted it will [illegible] and a letter from Anna and Willie tonight, they are [illegible] well We did not tell Eddie that you sent a telegram. Ben Owen is sick [illegible] I should startle him to think you were so unwell, Sid, [illegible]. Eddie rested well last night and looks bright this morning. He has your face, taking this after him. I hope we will get along now and have no relapse. He has to be careful and I am sure we do. Jane and Emma last night also a letter from Anna and Hans. How is your health? Are you very tired? Love from us all

8-30, P.M.

Turin, Oct. 26. 1877.

Dear Sister Mary.

It is five weeks today since I was taken sick and this morning was the first time that I stepped out of the house during that time—when I walked as far as opposite Mr Lewis' house and back. That seemed to invigorate me. About 4 o'clock this P.M. I started up town and rode to the store but was not there long before Nate followed me. I had several things to get and do before going to Remsen and so after making several purchases and calling at six different places of business, and Nate protesting against my rashness at doing so much and being out so late (it rained

a rule but while we were in the store) we returned home about at just six o'clock! I knew myself that I was doing wrong but as I intend to go to Rowan tomorrow now I was anxious to finish up what I had to do. I thank my stars that I did not run across Dr Jones or Dr. Ewart while in the street for if I had I know I should have got a scolding. Well the result is that I even feel better for being out. I am really gaining strength rapidly, and I think by my going home for a few days that it will keep me from the temptation of going to the store to just do a little. You know what that would be. When I get home I will have nothing to do at all about only just wait and

grow fat. I now last 15 lbs. Only
weigh 115 lbs. I expect to weigh 150
before Xmas. I think I will be much
healthier after this sickness. Charlie goes
with me to Ronan. He seems contented
to go with me. Your card of yesterday
1-30 P.M. reached us at noon today. Thank
you for being so faithful in writing to
us through my sickness. The picture you
speak of (Spiritual Mind) was not here
read. Have not read the paper as yet.
But the pamphlet of Mark Twain's Sketches
did me lots of good. Sarah read it all
to me, and it beguiled away many
a weary hour. I dont know what she
should have done without Sarah. For
fact we could not have got along
without Mother Allen and all her
kind neighbors. Heat and misery

worse place to be sick than in Spain.
Everybody has been very kind to me,
I have been much sicker than
I realized & was but our good
Heavenly Father has taken care of
me through it all" What shall we
render unto the Lord for His goodness!
I have much more to write but
feel tired. With much love
from us both I will bid you good
night.

Your comrade bro.

Edward.

Ransen Oct. 29/77

Dear Sister.

I drop you a card to tell you that I am no worse after all that I have been doing. I suppose you have rec'd my letter written Friday eve. Charlie came with me and is having a nice time. I was pretty tired and lame yesterday but am nicely rested this A.M. This is a warm marly morning. The grass is as green and as summer. We have had such a fine fall. J E commences his school today. They are all as well as usual at home. Yours with love Your Brother

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

M. H. Everett, M.D.
433 W. 34th St.
New York
City

June 23rd / 88

Dear Sister Mary.

I guess you will think that I only write to you when I want to send for something. How are you all getting along in N.J. you have quite an Emmett family now. How is Arthur? I suppose Hilliam & Sarah are with you now, and John Eddie how I would like to step in and see you all. Will you coming home this summer to make us a visit this time.

I commenced weaning Charlie yesterday morning. I have got along splendid so far I was up with him about an hour last night he did not ask for it all day. and last night when I took him on my lap to rock to sleep he ask for it two or three times I told him stories and less then 15 minutes he was asleep. how many could you find a worked sacque for Charlie to wear over while to church cool days. I will send you a picture of my little cousin she had a sacque something of

P.S. Mother is staying here this week

I would like I would like to have it all white on the border light blue and now if it will not be so much trouble with your prize them and send the price on a postal card and I will send you the money I will leave it to your better judgement a sacque for a boy. Edward is feeling much better now he was quite poorly when Anna & brother was here Cardell is quite and enjoying our pleasant weather With lots of love from each of us to you all

From your sister Mate

P.S. Mother is starting here this week

P.S. If you find me pretty
hard up and I will
send you the money
by return mail but I
pay over 1.50. Please send me
the price with it and I will
see can send it by mail
Mabel

P.S. Perhaps you can get
one for 75 cts.

Edward is quite well.
It is almost sleeping time
and I will close with
Lots of love to you from
each of us.

Yours Affectionately

Turin, July 18, 1879.

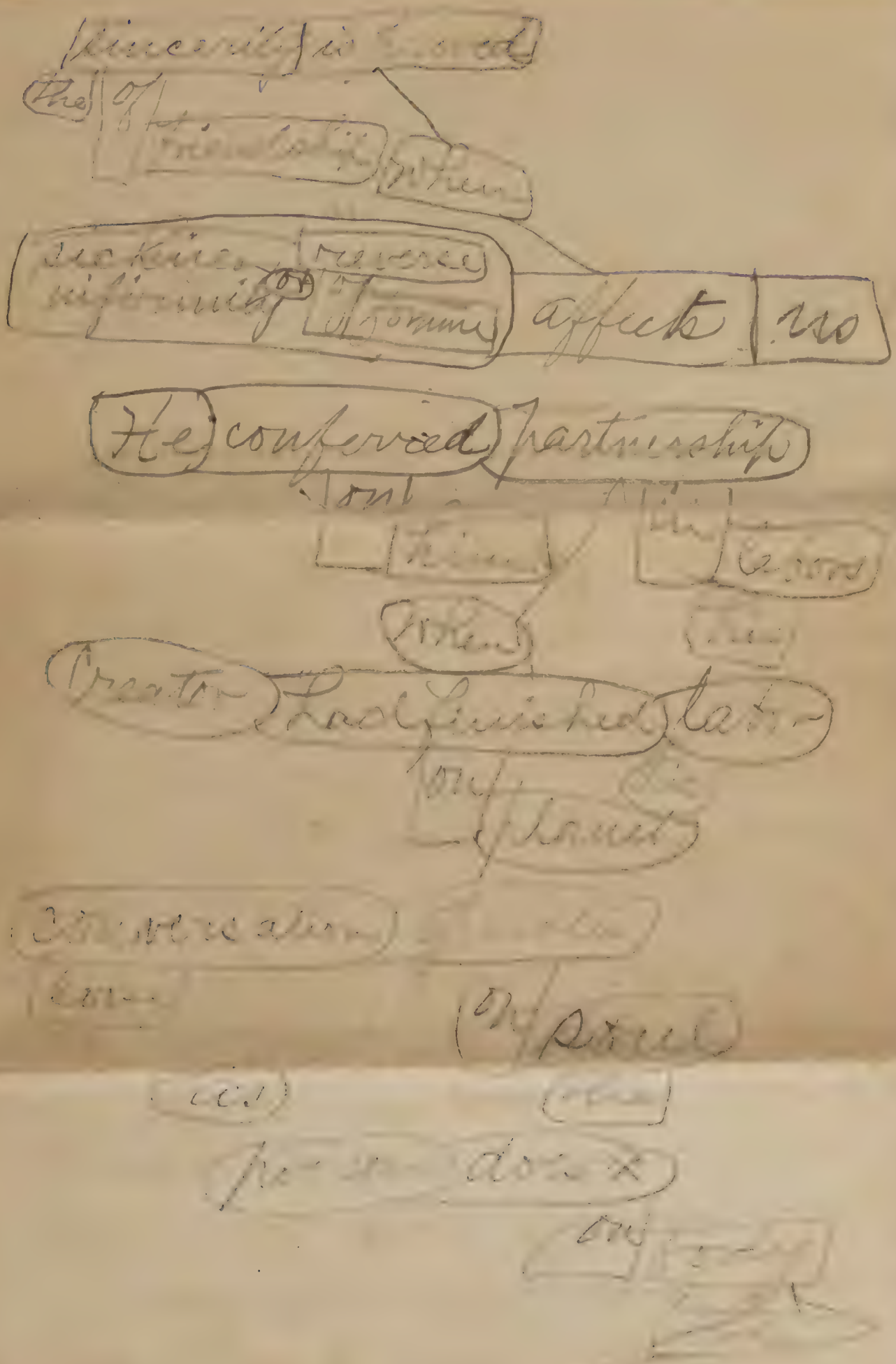
Dear Sister Mary,

Yours with the $2, enclosed was received last Eve. We were glad to hear that you are still improving. And that you are contemplating a visit to Steuben. Please write me as soon as you decide when you will come and if possible we will arrange ~~if for~~ to meet you and visit together at the old home. I have just received a letter from Mr. T. J. S. asking if we have decided to have him publish Li Cofiant and he says that he would like to commence it next week if he is to print it as another party

wants him to get out
a book in the same font
and he cannot do both with
the same font at the same
time. If he prints the cofiant
he will use another size type
for that book. I have written
him that the copy is ready
and that we want him to
print it and will place
the copy in his hands the
first of the week. On this
account I would like to go
to Remsen Saturday this week
but again I want to be there
when you are there. If you
are coming tomorrow I
was going to say let me know
by telegraph but it is impossible
The time is too short and
I should judge by your letter
that you would not be well

enough to come so soon.
I was thinking when I began
this letter that tomorrow was
Friday. I hope you will not
have a relapse. We shall
be anxious to hear from
you again soon. With love
and in haste.

Your brother.
Edward.



Turin, Aug. 25. 1879

Dear Sister Mary

Your letter came Friday evening. Kate had been getting along nicely up to that evening. when she went after the milk and Mrs. Cornish wanted her to go into her parlor to see her new piano. It was a very warm eve. but she thinks she got a little chilled while sitting in there as the windows and door were open. When I got home I found her in bed trying to get warm. I immediately built a fire and got her as warm as I could with hot flannels but still although she was in perspiration she did not feel

warm and easy. I gave her pudsalilla and got her a cup of tea. She did not sleep over 30 minuts until 5 oclock when she got warm and easy and slept until 7 oclock After I got her asleep I went after her mother. When I returned about 8 oclock she was up and dressed feeling better. She was feeling pretty well yesterday, but more careful I guess she will try to be more careful hereafter. We will try to keep her from having any more chills.

Mate was not well enough to write sat. morning and I did not have time myself after I got back.

The boys are having a fine time. I have made them a tent like the one they have at David Price' They have had their supper in their tent twice.

I have just been looking at those portraits in the Oneida Co. History. I think both of the portraits you mentioned are very good but I like the one on p. 494 the best— I prefer it a little clouded around the head to having it white.

I guess will write you so as to mail it tomorrow morning. Have any of you been to the Camp meeting? I must close now. We all send lots of love. Hope we shall hear from you soon.

Your brother Edward.

Turin. Nov. 23. 1879.

Dear Sister Mary.

We received Jennie's letter two or three days ago and as I had just written to Anna and sent the check I received from Winfield I did not write again immediately. Mate has not been as well for the past week. Last Sunday she felt quite smart and got up before breakfast as she had done for a number of days previous but she was on her feet more that day and since that she has kept her bed most of the time. Her appetite is pretty good — better than it was a month ago

and she indulges in a little broiled beef once a day which agrees with her but she is poor in blood and seems to be somewhat debilitated. She has a good deal of head ache. Does not cough much but she has a good deal of pain in her lungs & shoulders and is inclined to be low spirited but she would not like it if she knew that I mentioned this last to you. She has had a good deal of pain in the lower part of her back. Dr. Jones is giving her Scott Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with hypophos= =phites of lime & soda. He says he gives it to build her up. He would give her iron but it would not do on account

of her headache. She had a poor night last night. Did not rest much. She complained of a severe pain in her head and her head would be quite cold and in a few moments her head would be quite hot and the pain would be less. I think this was on account of some interuption in the circulation of blood. She has been better today. I will write again soon.

Last night I got a letter from Lefft requesting me to come to Utica tomorrow to close up my bankruptcy matters but I do not think I can go unless Mate is better in the morning. He says it will delay matters one month if I do not come tomorrow

If I do go I should have
to return in the evening on
account of Mate but I should
like to stop off at Ramsen
if she was well enough.
I wish Mate was well enough
to visit you. It would do her
lots of good. I wish you could
treat her for I think you could
do better with her than any
one else. I hope you will
write soon and cheer her
up. We all send love.

Your brother
Edward.

Turin, Dec. 27, 1879.

Dear Mary,

I received the Postal Cards yesterday also a P.C. from Jennie stating that J. E. had the measels. Hope you will take good care of him. It seems that he is making use of his vacation in a novel way. I trust he will not be very sick. Mate has been quite poorly for a week. I have spent most of my time with her this week. Her stomach is very weak. She lives on beef tea, oat meal & milk or cream & graham mush & milk. I do not see why she can not get well but she seems to think that she cannot recover. She has not lost a great deal of flesh. But she has so many pow

spells or days that she is about discouraged. I wish you could see her. Today she is so much better that it seems as though she would get well fast. She sit up twice (30 minuts each time) yesterday and today. She does not sleep enough. Does not sleep any during the day. Does not sleep soundly more than four or five hours during the night and the rest of the night she sleeps a little at a time and then is awakened by strange shooting feeling in her stomach and chest This feeling she does not call pain — she cannot really describe this feeling. Her nerves are quite weak. I am sorry there is no Homeopathic physicia in read as I think she would recover much faster with that treatment. I have been making

use of what knowledge I have of Homeopathy with her but would not trust myself to take charge of her case.

What have you concluded to offer to those who will take charge of selling the copies? I ought to know before writing to those places I visited. I have not received the 15 copies of the Copiant yet.

I hope I shall have a better report of Mate's case the next time I write. We all send lots of Love to you all.

Your brother

E. W. E.

Morris Run, Sept. 17, 1881.

Dear Sister Mary,

Your good letter of the 7th inst came to hand at Dund. & read [illegible] caution than it has had, but it is not always convenient for me to write letters while traveling as I do, for most of the time I am gratuitously entertained and therefore I do not feel at liberty to make trouble to those at whose homes I stop over night. I can easily write Postals. It is nearly three weeks since I left home. I enjoyed my visit home exceedingly, and Lemuel was a good deal stronger than when I saw her in July. She could talk more while riding and went around the house more easier.

I talked with Dr. Williams about her case, and in regard to the winter, but he said he could not decide what would be the best to do about moving her, until later. He said he hoped she would continue to improve so as to be strong enough to move to a warmer climate, but he did not think she was strong enough to undertake it. Jennie & Anna seem to be quite anxious about what is best to do for the winter. I would be very glad to have them all at Turin with me this winter, if it was best but the climate at Turin is no better than at Rochester, although perhaps the house is more comfortable and there would be the benefit of good sidewalks and good roads. If Sarah does not improve before cold weather sets in I fear she will not be benefited by moving.

I should think that such a place as Dunellen would be decidedly the best place for her if she could stand the journey. I expect to return home by the 8th or 10th of Oct. if not sooner. It is not probable that I can do much more in selling the coffins this fall after I return this time unless I [illegible] a little around home. I have been disappointed in not getting a new supply of books at Blossburg and have telegraphed to T. J. Griffith to [illegible] reply yet. If I get the books I shall go to Johnstown Ebensburg and Pittsburgh – thence to Youngstown and north-Eastern Ohio and return home through N. Y. I should enjoy this trip very much were it not for the anxiety I feel for the loved ones at home. Since mother-in-law has gone to Kansas and I am left alone I feel very uneasy

to be away from her and the boys so long. I sometimes think I ought to go home sooner. And then when I think about Emah it seems as tho' not I ought to be nearer to her. When I think of them all I sometimes get pretty nervous, and I often think of your expression in your last letter that you are in a "tight fix" — that is just my fix. Your letter is burned as you request. I did not know of the arrangment you had made with the girls. I am glad you are doing so well in your practice, and that you have rented your back rooms. I hope your health will continue. I have not heard from home but three times since I left

I attended the Cynwyd at-
Bloomsburg all through. We
had very good meetings. The
ministers of eastern Pa. are
quite talented - Mostly young
men. Rev. Daniel Daniels of
Bloomsburg is the oldest now and
he is about 70. Rev. James Morris
of Plymouth Pa is going to the
Cynwyd Oneida next week.

I am very sorry I was
so careless as not to write
you or Mr. Winston about that
matter of his — in the multi-
-plicity of other subjects I forgot it
I wrote you a card about it that
I would endeavor to attend to it
when I go home if that will
serve his purpose or he
might write to William D.
Lewis of Constableville, N. Y.
a man who has been School

commissioner for six years in the front of the county where the land is situated and would be likely to know something about it, and would be a good judge and is a candid man.

I have met with pretty good success on this trip although I have not sold quite as many books per day yet I have collected more money per day. I do not know when to tell you to write but will drop you a card in a day or two.

With much love.

Your brother Edward.

Akron, Ohio, Aug 10/82

Dear Sister,

Have been in Ohio since Tuesday & suppose you have returned to N. Y. I am succeeded well so far but- do not move on very fast- I was in too much hurry to do justice. I will be in Newark the middle or last of next week and would like to hear from you & do not have much time to write

In haste

E. H. G.

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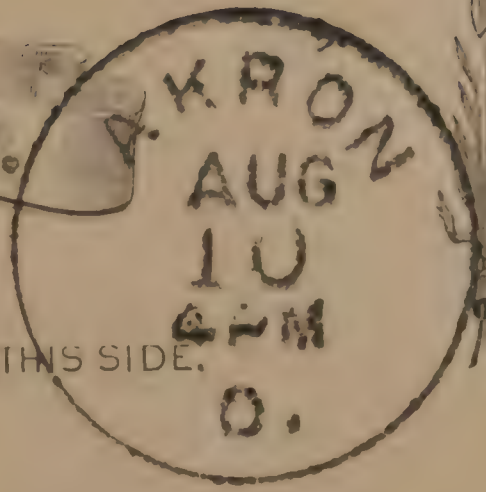

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Miss. M. H. Everett
438 W. 34th. St.
New York
City

Columbus. O. Aug 26/82

Dear Sister.

I received your card at Somerset. but have not got your letter yet. Expect to get it when I get to Newark. I did not stop at Delaware. but have ordered my mail forwarded to me. I sold 75 Memoirs at Somerset and there had been 10 or 15 sold there before. I go to Granville this P.M. & thence to Newark the first of the week. I will write you again when I get your letter. My health is quite good. With much love from your brother

Edward.

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Miss M. A. Everett
433 W. 34 Street
New York

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Attica. Mo. Oct. 2, 1882.

Dear Sister. — Although I am in Attica I do not feel much at-home. Have just finished in Mo. and am to take the train at-4. P.M. for Emporia via Kansas city. This village is on the Hamilton & St. Jo. R.R. 6 mi. from Damon from which I have just returned. Shall stay at or about-Emporia a few days and probably be at-Osawatomie about-the 10th or 12th. inst. Will have my face homeward soon. The time before winter is too short-for me to finish my work. Am succeeding quite well. But the expense of traveling is a good deal. Write often & Yrs &

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Miss M. H. Everett, M. D.,
433 W. 34th St.
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La. Crosse. Wis. Nov. 23. 1882.

Dear Sister Mary,

Arrived here this A.M. from Minnesota, and found your letter of the 11th. inst- also one from Jennie of the 15th. inst. I was very glad to hear from you. Have not had much time to write but- today have nothing to do but- write. Have been in Blue Earth County Minn. for the past- week and most of the time away from any post- office. I have sold about 600. of the Coficant- so far on this trip. Expect- to return home after visiting Bangor. Wis. Cambria Wis Chicago Ill. & Cleveland Ohio and if possible, Hillsdale. Hope to be at- home about the 5th. of December

Do not think I shall return through New York.

I was quite startled to hear of Anna's sickness. Hope no serious [illegible]. Fear she will not be able to visit New York this fall. Jennie writes that John Eddie is in good spirits and has just been elected to the presidency of the Literary Society - term one month. I attended one of their meeting while I was there. He is earning money of his father. He had earned over $50. when I was there. He gets the same as the other men but does not do as much hard work as they do but he takes more of the charge from his father. I think this winter with his father will do him more good than school. It will certainly do John lots of good. I was very glad to have a visit with John. He seems

very much attached to his Kansas home and the state of his adoption. Indeed, after taking in a little of ten states on this trip I must say that Kansas is one of the best of the western states although is not best in everything any more than any other state. The weather has been beautifully fine all fall - very favorable for my business. We had a little snow to whiten the ground - the first to make any show this fall. I have written to Nate and to Jennie & you today and now I am going to write to John. I expect to be in Chicago about next tuesday. Write me at Newburg, Ohio. if you have time.

Love from your brother

Edward.

Smith. Oct. 11th. 1883.

Dear Sister Mary.

We do not seem to hear much from you and perhaps it is because you are not owing us a letter! We received Anna's postal last eve. We had not heard from any of you since Jennie got home. I did not have as much time to visit with Jennie as I wanted to have when she was here. Our business hours do not afford much time to visit at home.

The weather of yesterday and today reminds me of last fall, when we had so much of such weather. Hope we shall have a good many

more such days. This to me is the pleasantest season of the year when it is pleasant. Suppose you are improving these pleasant days by visiting around. Wish you might make us another visit before you return to New York. Carroll and Charlie are making good use of their time in school. They have a good many chores to do mornings. After school they usually have a little time for play. Robbie enjoys getting out with them to play ball in the yard as well as any one. He seems to be perfectly happy if he can get some one to play ball with him. He was quite worrisome in the night last night and this morning we noticed that his stomach teeth are almost through.

Next Saturday will be the 14th anniversary of our marriage. How rapidly the days, weeks and years are rolling on! And yet how little time we seem to have that we can call our own.

Mr. Williams is in New York purchasing for the fall and winter trade. Expects to return on Saturday.

With much love to each one from your brother

Edward.

Turin. Nov 17/83.

Dear Sister - Your prompt reply to my letter was very welcome. I intended to write you a letter but this will be better than nothing. Thanks for the Acon. I will send Jemme's Umbrella first chance. She need not send the money to pay for it. Do not send the coat by mail but wait until you get a convenient chance to send it. We are all well Prof. Clark Reis gave two lectures here on the great pyramids of Egypt. If he comes to Remsen do not fail to hear him. Will write you a letter soon. Hope you will

W. E.

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Miss Mary H. Evans

Remsen

N. Y.

Box 15

Turin. Feby. 16, 1884.

Dear Sister,

The box of oranges came yesterday and are very nice. Just one had begun to decay. Our Town Meeting is next Tuesday and that will give Charlie a good opportunity to dispose of some of them. The express was $1.75. The nuts and lemons are also very nice. I will send you the pay for them next week. Wish we might have a visit from you before long. Hope your stay in W. G. has done you good. The boys expect to have a fine time on the crust today. Love to you all from your brother E. W. B.

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TURIN FEB 16 N.Y.

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Miss M. A. Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Ferrin, March 13, 1882.

Dear Sister,

Yours of yesterday is at hand. Do not give yourself any uneasiness on my account as my head is much better. I am feeling better than I have in three weeks. Mr. William is not as well. Dr. J was here yesterday and he said he feared he was going to have typhoid fever. He has been sweating quite freely all night and rested pretty well so I hope the fever will be avoided. The Dr. has not seen him this A.M. It will be just as well not to tell Jane as we will

see Pierce today and have
him write her tomorrow
morning just how he
is then. Our folks are
all well. In haste.
E. W. E.

Turin, May 10. 1882.

Dear Sister Mary.

As we heard nothing from you last-eve. we trust- Anna is no worse; we hope she is some better. Has Dr. Williams been there yet. You ought to have some one to help you take care of her so that you might- have more rest yourself.

Our little boys are both better. We give Robbie a fig every day with good result. The baby is getting quite fat-

He seems to notice and know more every day. He sleeps well all night. Carroll is taking up Hygenic Physiology. There is a class just formed and they have a book that is suited to his age. I think he will like it.

I have made a rough draft of the bill as I think it should be. Will you and Jennie look it over and return it, and let me know if it is incorrect and I will make out a bill in better form.

Jennie, I have a hen sitting and if we have good luck you shall have the chickens, but don't count them yet. Another hen

clocks and if I can shall give her a chance to sit. Mate and I attended the lecture thursday eve. and "took in" the lecture and views of Wales and Venice it was certainly very fine. Wish you could have attended the scenery was grand.

We shall surely expect a letter tonight. We all send love. Wish I could spend the sabbath with you.

Your brother,

Edward.

Turin, June 12, 1884.

Dear Sister Mary & All.

Your letter came last eve. It had been a long time since we had heard from any of you and we were especially glad to hear of Anna's continued improvement. I think we all like this warm summer weather. It has been a little damp and cool however for a couple of days. I attended the afternoon meeting of the Collinsville Cymanfa yesterday. Rode over with Pierce Williams. Heard Rev. Mr. Howells of Milwaukee and Dr. Roberts.

A memorable event took place at Turin at 3 o'clock P.M yesterday

at the M.E. church. It was the marriage of Miss Cora Earlenback to Mr. Nichlas of New York. The church windows were all darkened and the church lighted with wax candles. The alter and surrounding were profusely decorated with flowers At the appointed time the church was crowded with curious spectators, when the bridal party arrived, led by the two ushers, (one from N.Y. and the other from Boston) the pastor, bride-groom ~~and~~ walking with the bride's mother and the bride walking with her father. As she approched the alter the bride groom, took her hand and led her to the alter, where the ceremony was performed. I was not there but it is said to have out-done anything of the kind that ever happened.

in Sevier.

Mother Allen and Amelia and her two youngest were up visiting us yesterday. Charlie took care of the children while the rest of the folks went to the wedding. Our baby is heavier than Amelia's although not half as old. Our boy has grown very fast the last month. I never saw such a good baby. He must be healthy as he sleeps so well and is so good. He went to sleep before dark last eve. and had not woke up until his mother took him up about ten and then he woke up smiling. He cries but very little. He can cry and when he is in pain he cries very hard at times. We will try your prescription Hope it will do him good. We were afraid it might trouble him in after

years if it is not attended to now.
Mate has got all through
house-cleaning We expect a
man next week to paint the
house. When we get it all
fixed up we hope to have
a visit from you all. If
Anna keeps on gaining I
hope it will not be long
before she can come. Do
you or Jennie expect to be
at Utica when J. E. graduates?

We shall hope to hear from
you often even if there does
not appear to be that pressing
need of writing that there was
a few weeks ago. Love from

Edward

Turin, Friday Eve,
Aug. 15, 1884.

Dear Sister Mary,

I intended to write some of you this morning but the opportunity slipped by ere I was aware of it. Robbie was taken with diarrhea last night. I was awakened about two oclock by his calling for water. On striking a light I found that he had been sick some little time and besides diarrhea he had vomited a good deal — apparantly without much pain at the time as it must have happened half an hour before he called. After he called his

bowels moved three times within an hour, and he had a high feaver and drank a good deal of cold water. I gave him Rhus at first, afterwards Bry. He did not seem to be in much pain at any time but quite feaverish and his body and breath smelled so sour. He slept pretty well after three until after I got up, and after breakfast his mother gave him a warm bath and bathed his head with cooler water afterwards for half an hour with great apparent relief to him. He wanted nothing to eat through the day but drank a good deal of water and slept more than usual. By tea time he was feeling much

better and ate a couple of milk crackers and a little cracker brownes. I think the worst is over. Baby is quite well. I think we have a good picture of him. I will send you the proof. Will send a photo when they are done.

I have made no headway in finding a costomer yet. I feel like making another desperate effort to find one that will buy. We were pleased to hear that J.E. and J.C. were among the fortunate ones who shook hands with the next Vice President It is quite an honor. I will finish this in the morning.

Sat. Morn. — Robbie slept well all night but his diarhea is quite bad yet. He has had a bath this morning and appears quite like himself. Does not

him this eve. Charlie has written to him so I will not write him this time.
Love to all
From both
Edward.

have much fever this morning. I think the first cause of his trouble was eating a peach, a sour apple and a taste of tomato about supper time. We must try to keep all such things from him as much as possible.

How did Anna get along during your absence, and how is she now? I think she had better come back with Carroll and one of her sisters might come with her for company. Black berries are plenty here now but they ask 8 & 10 cts for them here. We have not bought any yet. Does Carroll intend to come home on monday? Hope he is not making you much extra work. We hope to hear from

Turin, Sept. 2. 1884.

Dear Sister Mary.

Jennie's letter with your note asking for 1½ yds. Grey goods was not received until 11 o'clock A.M. yesterday. I think it was postmarked Aug. 31. (Sunday.) therefor I could not send the goods in yesterday mornings mail. I send it by mail this A.M. hoping that it will arrive in time.

I had noticed the death of aunt Betsey in the Herald of yesterday. I also received the postal and good long letter from Jennie and Anna last eve with the Ferrum. for which I am much obliged — hope to pay you for all these favors sometime.

Robbie is better – seems pretty well now. He is learning to form sentences and improves in talking every day. The boys have got through picking hops and go to school today.

I would be very glad to attend the funeral, but do not think I can go. Am very glad you and Jennie intend to go. Will John Eddie be there? I had noticed the death of cousin Margaret's husband in the Herald. The two deaths occured very near each other. They will all miss aunt very much. Uncle must be in feble health. We sympathize with them in their affliction.

In regard to the accident with the pages of the Catechism I don't know as you could do better than to Mr. Davies set up some more in place of the ones you speak of. It needs

a very strongly made box to carry 100 lbs. Type and probably the box they were packed in was not as strong as it should be or that the type was not packed as firmly as necessary. I do not think it would be possible to collect anything for damages of the Express Co.

I am glad J. E. has decided to go to Clinton and that Cousin Ally so kindly assisted him to a scholarship for the first year.

I fear that it is too late to get nice black-berries as they are very soft now. If I can secure some nice ones I will send them. If I could go to the bushes myself perhaps I might get some good ones yet but what I see brought

here are quite soft.

I will look over the two letters I received yesterday again and try to finish answering them again but will send this as it is now. We were very much interested in the quotation from John's letter in regard to politics. He strikes vigorously at the vital points in the case and he as an early settler in Kansas knows whereof he speaks.

I must close now with love to you all from your brother

Edward.

Trivia, Jany. 21. 1885.

Dear Sister Mary:

I am ashamed of myself for neglecting so long to write to you. I have not new excuse to offer, and will only say that each day has seemed more than full of duties, that cannot be postponed. The more very glad to get your photo. which came about a year ago. Such a photo. ought to be noticed even at New Orleans.

We have all been blessed with comparatively good health through the trying weather of the past few months until within

Look & look and hope & shall hear from you ere long. Love to brother & children

a few days. Last Sunday
Monday and Tuesday morning
I was confined to the house
with a billious attack which
was aggrivated by a cold. and
combined with kidney difficulty.
Mate and all the children
had colds at the same time. We
are all better. I feel most well
although not strong yet. The
children, the two youngest had
a serious time with that erup-
tion which I wrote you about
but it has all disappeared weeks
ago. Traces of it can still be seen
on Robbie's chin under the stain.
I think Hepar helped them.

I had a nice visit with
Jemmie and Anna last week
Monday and Tuesday. It was too
short but much better than none.

Of course you know of their contemplated visit at Hillsdale. I hope it will do them both good. Anna ought to have more out-door air. She was not quite as well as usual while I was there but she writes me that is better since.

Jany. 22. — Last night was our singing school night and as usual Mr. Glidden was with us. It was a very still cold night but when we awoke this morning we found the mercury at 25 below zero. It is much colder this eve. than it was last eve. and equally cold. I wonder how cold it is with you. We are very much pleased with Carroll's progress with his new modern lessons. Mr. Glidden speaks very highly of him as a scholar.

Dr. Ringer's Sydney 18a

Charlie is also doing nicely, but we cannot expect quite so much of one of his years.

In the first part of this letter I spoke of being sick the first of this week. I am better but not well. I do not think it have required much mismanagement on the part to bring on Influenza but I anticipate anything of the kind now. Still I have a great deal of throbbing at the pit of the stomach and a shutting feeling all over. I do not sleep well. I think the main trouble now is with the kidneys. I am very careful with my diet and do not have trouble with my stomach.

Make haste and bring a carpet down in the first boat. It is at present unfurnished. I mean to have a nice home and invite you all to visit me. We all send love and hope

Irwin, Feby 11. 1885,

Dear Sister Mary.

It has been a long time since we have heard from you, and I really believe you are the one that is in debt this time but is usually the other way. I hope you are too busy and not too sick to write. I have not heard from Remsen for nearly a week. We have had cold winter weather for a month past and the sleighing has been fine although we have not tried it. We have

a four days storm but the cars have not been hindered much. This storm reminds me of the one ten years ago this week. We had no mail for six days and then we did get mail it brought me tidings of dear Father's last sickness.

We have all escaped colds this last cold spell. Nate has not quite recovered from her cough but is improving. The baby is troubled with canker mouth and he has two teeth coming soon. He will be a year old the 19th inst. Does not walk alone yet, but he walks by chairs and by the side of the room. Robbie is well and learning to

Carroll and Charlie have their hands full this winter with their school studies and their singing school and instrument & music besides shoveling snow and helping their mama, and other chores. Their flag spells do not come very often. They enjoy their music, and are making fine progress. The "Banner Lodge" are to have an entertainment Carroll has a part in that. This is our singing school night and I must close soon to attend.

When do you expect to come home? The last time Jennie wrote she said they would not go to Hillsdale until Anna was stronger

I fear it will not be quite safe for you to go this winter. It would be very nice for them to have the visit if they could without taking cold but home is the best place for any one all who are weakly during Feby. and March, as a general principle.

I suppose John Eddie is making good progress in his College course although we do not hear much about him.

Accept lots of love from each, and write soon to your Twin relatives

Your brother.

Edward E.

Turin, March 19, 1885.

Dear Sister Mary,

Yours of the 11th came to hand last-friday. I also received a letter from Anna about the same time which I have answered today. We have not heard from Jennie since she left Utica. We are glad to know you are soon to be at home. We ought to be very thankful that Anna have been as well as they have through the winter. I think it was a wise plan for Jennie to leave Anna in Utica and for her to take the trip to Nicholasville without her. Anna seems to be enjoying her visit in

Utica.

Clara Williams has been quite sick for three or four days with Pleuro Pneumonia but is some better Wm. P. has gone up on the hill today to see her and also to see Maggie who lives about 2½ miles farther. When we last heard Maggie was improving slowly. She has been quite sick. We have had a very severe winter. Have had no thaw since sleighing commenced, the last week in January. The snow is about 3½ feet deep now. The mercury was 20 below zero last Tuesday morning, and 12 below Wednesday. It is now some warmer and is snowing. Our apples are nearly gone. We have about two bushels left. We have enjoyed them very much

this winter. Wish you could have one of our Tallman sweets just now.

The baby had a touch of croup a week ago last sunday night but has got nearly over his cough now. I think it was caused partly by trouble cutting teeth. He has seven now. He has walked about two steps alone for the past three weeks. Today he is thirteen months old and he has been celebrating the event by walking half across the room. He is a fine boy. Robbie weighs 40 lbs. and is quite well. The other boys are well except that Carroll has some cold. He is to take part in an entertainment to be given by Banner Lodge next Tuesday eve. We hope to have sugar weather before many weeks

We hope to have a visit from you before many weeks. I hope that we may all spend a little time at Brantingham the coming summer. I think we have all enjoyed that vacation over and over again. A brother of the man who owns the Dominick house on Sand Island has a little girl 14 years of age who has a spinal trouble she cannot hold her head up. There is no curve in her spine. She has been so since she was about twelve. He wanted me to write and ask you where he would be likely to get help for her.

We shall be very glad to hear from you again soon. Love from each one

Your brother E.W.E.

Turin, April 8, 1885.

Dear Sister Mary,

Your welcome letter with the Easter Card was received monday. Thank you for remembering me on my birthday although you made a slight mistake in the date My birthday occurs always on April 3rd. Your reminiscences of our early home life were quite vivid & might be extended largely. They brought to mind the quiet unostentacious worker who was engaged in the other part of the house preparing copy for the confessor, sermons for the Sabbath, thought for the prayer meeting

but who was never too busy
to spend a little time twice a
day around the family altar, and
also who, with our dear mother
always delighted to visit the
afflicted. I think those visits must
have been very cheering to the dear
christian people who were confined
at home by sickness

My mind also goes back to
the time when our dear Sarah lay
so patiently for so many months
and who was at last raised to
health seemingly by a miracle
and who for so many years filled
our hearts with joy by her ever
cheerful disposition. And then
how much joy and comfort we
all took in having our friends,
Mary Vincent, Mary Ann Pierce visit
us and scores of others with our

dear Cynthia playing in the barn, in the yard, gathering wild flowers. O!! how much we miss our dear parents, brothers sisters and all the host of friends who surrounded us in those blessed days. I must confess I knew not what an exalted privilage it was to be brought up in such a home. Oh that my life might shed forth more of the teachings of my early training.

But to return from living the past to my own little group. Charlie has been sick since last Friday and as we were expecting the measals came out nicely this morning He has been sweating nicely all day. We put up a bed in the sitting room last night and have

Mother Dear
is not
as well
as we
wish you
were (at
least near
enough to
come to
her) one
letter
we sent to
Anna Stop
in Utica and
in Cincinnati
Lillian
getting
there
Mamie
&c. Edward

had him sleep there ever since.
He first had a very severe tight
cough with all the accompany=
=ments attending a hard cold.
His cough has been looser since
Sunday eve and now he is very
comfortably sick although he does
not so consider it. We think Carroll
is on the same track although he
does not cough. He has sore
throat and lameness in limbs &c
is tired appetite not good. The
younger ones are all right yet.
Thank you for sending the Pulv.
It is just what we wanted. I
hope it will not be necessary to
call a physician. The right pill
will go through the whole case.

Lusin, April 13/85.

Dear Sister,

Charlie seems to be getting along nicely. He was much pleased with your poetry and he proposes to follow its advice. Robbie seems to be coming down with them now. I wish you would send me some more Pulo. The pellets are so much more convenient to give than liquid. We do not anticipate any serious difficulty with any of them as we think we can keep them warm.

Good bye.

E. W. E.

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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Miss M. N. Everett M.D.
230 West 33rd St.
New York.

Jennie, April 20, 1885.

Dear Little Mary,

Our troubles and trials are not without their pleasures. This noon when I went home to dinner I had a letter for Carroll from you. A Box of blocks for Robbie and a litter from Jennie for Charlie and myself. We certainly were not forgotten. Robbie was delighted with his blocks and Carroll was much pleased with ~~his~~ your poetical letter. The rash came out on him last sat: morning He left his bed all last week, and for the last three days he has not had any appetite but the rash is leaving his face and

I think he is convelescing. Robbie has been sick since a week ago yesterday. The rash came out on him on Wednesday. It has nearly disappeared from his face. He feels pretty well now. He runs around the room and sits up to the table to play with his blocks, and helps wait on the sick. Baby was the last one to be sick. The rash came out on him on Saturday. For three days previous he was troubled with diarrhea caused from teething. I think the vaccination were green and seemed to be painless. I gave him Ferrum all day yesterday and it worked like a charm. The little fellow is pretty sick yet but I think he will pull through all

right. You see we have had a good many patients on our hands for the last two weeks. Mate could not have got along without Charlie's help. He has been, better than a hired girl since he got well. He feels quite well. He gets the meals, washes dishes &c. Mate stands it pretty well but it has been very hard for her. Robbie is so heavy, and baby is pretty solid to carry around.

I must close now, with love.

E. W. E.

Olpe. Kansas, Dec. 1, 1885,

Dear Sister Mary & All.

We have not heard from you since I wrote to Jennie last week but presume you have finished reading that long "picture story" by this time so I will write you a few lines. We received the Utica Herald's yesterday, that you sent to Carroll and Charlie and were right glad to get them. We take the N. Y. Weekly Tribune The Irwin Gazette, Louisville Journal, Cenhadwr, and Emporia weekly Democrat and Griff brings us a good many copies of the Emporia daily Republican and other papers.

We are having delightful weather. This morning our windows were frosted a little for the first time, but the sun is warming us now. The air is very clear and still. The roads are delightful. Yesterday the man who lives on Griff's farm came about 7 A. M. and took 34 of our chicks and 4 Turkeys to Emporia. Griff will keep them there and sell where he finds a

customers. We had too many together.
We now have 46. They cost 15 to 20
cents each. Last saturday Griff. sold 80 acres
of his land (raw open prairie) for $10. per acre
and took in payment 32 head of cattle which
he got at market price. This land cost him
$5. per acre two years ago.

This place seems to be growing every week.
It does not take long to put up a house here.
Within the last three weeks two houses have
been put up and they are now ready for
plastering. The place where they now stand was
unbroken prairie three weeks ago. They will be
ready to live in sometime in January. Today
they are going to begin work on a new flouring
and feed mill just ~~west~~ north of the depot.

Mother Allen came last friday and will
stay with us a few weeks. She has not been
here before since we came. We all attended
the surprise at Cina's last week tuesday even
and had a fine time. Cina knew nothing
about it until she came home from a
friend's house about 7½ P.M. when she

had been spending the afternoon. John, in the mean time had placed in her dining room a beautiful black-walnut side-board which cost $55. I returned on the 7 A.M train next morning and Mate and Robbie & Eddie came on the 4 P.M. train. Carroll & Charlie got back at 12 with the horse & gig just in time to get my dinner. We were at home alone Thanksgiving day and had a chicken for dinner. What did you have for dinner and did you attend church? We are having preaching at the school house every evening this week. Last eve was the second eve. Carroll and I attended.

We are all well and busy. Carroll is getting to be quite a salesman. Yesterday he sold $7.00 worth of goods. Robbie and Eddie enjoy coming down to play awhile in the store. They are both down here now.

Hope we shall hear from you today. We want to know how you all are. How is Mama's health this winter. and how is Jennie now. Hope your health is good and that you are all comfortable. Wonder if you have sleighing now.

We have not seen a flake of snow yet. Remember us kindly to Mr & Mrs. Prichard & George also to John D. and Owen, W. W. Thomas and all who may inquire for our welfare. It is most mail time and I must close. Love to you all.

Your brother

Edward.

Olpe, Kan. Jan. 17. 1886.

Dear Sister Mary,

It was a week last wed. that we heard last from you — the last mail we got before the storm. I wrote you last Tuesday, which I hope you have received ere this. We were mercifully spared from suffering during the severe cold of Jan. 7. 8. and 9th. The papers tell of 28 persons frozen to death in the western part of this state. A good many about here were frost-bitten — ears, nose cheeks hands or feet. A good many hogs and some cattle were frozen to death. One man about seven miles south lost 7 or 8 cows. The greater number of cattle about here have no shelter except wind-breaks and some have sheds where they can get shelter. And with 3 to 5 days of strong north wind with the mercury ranging from 0 to 18 or 20 below zero it was a terrible strain on man and beast. The storm was so general throughout the country that we are anxious to hear how you got through with it.

The idea that they never have cold winter weather in Kansas is exploded. I know better, for I never felt the cold in northern New York, even when the mercury was 36 below zero as I did here on those days. But we are all clothed warmly and do not anticipate another such an unusually severe spell this season. Robbie and baby are pretty well except that they have both had diarrhea for some weeks. Baby's food seems to pass undigested. He and Robbie enjoy having all the milk they want one evening not long since he went to sleep with his mug of milk in his hand and before he got through drinking the milk He sometimes falls asleep in Robbie's little cane seat rocking chair that we brought out with us. He is learning to talk and we think he is a remarkably bright-eyed little fellow. His eyes are getting darker. I think he is getting to look more like his aunt Jennie. His mother cut his hair last week. She is just now undressing him for the night and he is too full of mischief for anything. Robbie has his night-dress on and is lying on the couch trying to go to sleep. Carroll is reading the Youths Companion and Charlie is writing to Rea Cornish. We have been to sabbath school this P.M. There was no preaching

We have just a little snow, so that those who have any kind of a contrivance for a sleigh use it in preference to wheels. It has not thawed today and tonight it is snowing a little with the wind in the east. Our windows have beautifully decorated nearly every day for the past two weeks.

I suppose J. Eddie has again resumed his studies at College and that you are lonely without him. We are anxious to know how Anna's cold is. And how Jennie is. How is your health this winter? Do you get out much? Wonder how deep the snow is with you.

We heard that Mate's cousin Emma Johnson's house was burned on Jan. 1st. Her husband had just taken her to a neighbors for a visit and as he was putting out the horses he discovered smoke issuing from the roof. About everything in the first floor was saved but nothing was saved from the second story. We have not heard the particulars Do not know as there was any insurance or not. They bought our parlor furniture.

I wish you could visit us and see how comfortable we live in our suit of seven rooms above the store. It is much pleasanter for us all

to live above the store and be altogether.
We don't have much trade usually after dark
so that we take it easy after supper and close
early.

We all send lots of love and want to
hear often.

Your brother,
Edward.

Emporia, Oct 18. 1906.

Dear Little Mary,

We were very glad to get your letter but so sorry that you were so tired because you did [illegible] wife on the second trip. Elva and she did not expect to see you at the depot as the waiting was so bad. They were both here yesterday to dinner, also Colin and Elsie.

Edwin will go to Abbie's tomorrow and remain with us after the return from Enid.

Some relatives, Charles H. Burnett and Ethyl Annabelle Davis were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Hutchinson, Kan. on Oct 10. 1906. Rev. Jay Carroll Burnett of Wakeeney, Kan. brother of the bridegroom officiating. The bride is a daughter of Orson Davis of Hutchinson.

We reached Hutchinson at 6 P.M. and left there at 11 P.M. arriving at home at about 3 A.M. next morning. Carroll came with us and left for Preston by the same afternoon at Morton. He would go from there to Phillipsburg to attend Synod. Bessie and Esther went as far as Morton.

Love from your brother Edward

P.S. – Have written Tim hastily and did not have pen + ink at hand. Will write again soon. We are all in our usual health and having fine fall weather.

Edward

Emporia. June 20. 1906.

My Dear Sister.

I received your letter about three or four weeks ago, but there has been so much going on that I have neglected answering it. I also received a copy of the Addyoggydd. I am glad you had the edition printed. I think it was the right thing to do, and hope it will not proove unprofitable. Surely fathers portrait will proove to be a help to its sale.

Carroll and family came the week before commencement and stayed over two sabbaths. Charlie also came and stayed three days. So we had a family re-union. All six boys, Bess and Esther being with us. We all enjoyed their visit. It was the first

commencement that Charlie and Bess have attended since their graduation There were more of the Alumni present this year than ever before.

I will send you a copy of "College Life" and see if you can pick out the Everett boys in the groups.

John Eddie stopped off between trains about five weeks ago and Zaidee stopped between trains about three weeks ago, and today John Eddie spent three or four hours with us today on his way to Topeka. He brought Margaret with him. She will stay here until friday when the rest of the family pass through. J. E. has shipped his goods and has gone ahead to secure a house and make ready for the family. I did not work this afternoon

so had a good visit with J. Eddie who is looking better than when I saw him last. He says his health is quite good.

Robbie is a senior now and hopes to graduate at C. of E. next June.

John Eddie is going to supply the pulpit at Ford, Kansas and another place 40 miles distant for the present at each place every other Sabbath. until something better opens up so that he can have his family with him.

I am going to drive out in the country tomorrow and Margaret want to go with me. If it is pleasant she will go.

We have from our garden now lettuce, radish, beet greens; string beans, and today had a few potatoes. Will have cucumbers in a few days.

With much love from us all

Your brother Edward,

Emporia. Aug. 7. 1906.

My Dear Sister,

Your letter written 4.30 P.M July 14 was received at Emporia P.O at 12.30 P.M July 16 and probably left Kansas at 9.30 P.M. July 14 thus it was but little over 48 hours in coming.

I am so glad you have such good neighbors as Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Jones in the next house west. We too have dropped into a very good neighborhood. In the next house north lives an old man Mr. Parsons over 80, whose wife is about 48. a little girl 5 and boy 12 and a boy about 21. They own the house in which they live (a new one) and take college boarders and roomers. Across the street west line and old couple with their widowed daughter and her girl who is about 17. all members of one church. He. Mrs. Bissel, is 84 and she about 75 from Connecticut. Another neighbor across the street west is Mr. & Mrs. Lee who have 4 boys. Just south of them lives Mr & Mrs Wiggam with one daughter about 20. and one about 6. Also Mrs W's mother.

Across the street south live Mr. and Mrs. Ingals with 4 boys. She and the boys are now visiting in Ohio and Mr. Ingals is traveling most of the time.

I have been thinking often of you lately as we were enjoying our visit in Ramsen and Irwin just three years ago. We reached Ramsen Aug. 2. It was too bad that you were feeling so poorly then that you could not enjoy our visit as you would if your health was better.

I am glad John Eddie's folks are located among friends in Topeka. Hope it will not be long before he will have a pastorate where they can all be together again. We have not heard from them since they passed through here to Topeka.

I wish you could see Kansas in its glory as we see it now. It is like what we used to read about (in the letters that came to us from Kansas before we moved from New York) Fruit is very plentyfull. I got a bushel of fine peaches last week from an orchard

where there were one or two hundred bushels. The trees bending and breaking under the burden. Only 50 cents per bu. Apples also are very plentyful also grapes. The wheat crop of Lyon County is harvested and much of it sold at- about 60 cts per bushel. We have had frequent rains and corn is looking as well as I ever saw it.

The boys are still working their paper routes. Harry starts at 5 a.m. and covers 7¼ blocks (a little over six miles) before breakfast. He goes on his wheel when he can but- when it rains sometimes takes the horse. Eddie and Ray start out at the same time but do not have so far to go. Robbie does not carry papers in the morning but works harder through the day. He gets $1.60 a day (8 hours) helping carpenter on a big wholesale building.

I remember Laura Hughes who was a cousin to Mary Vincent. There was Catharine and Mary and others.

I must close now. Good bye with love from us all Edward

Emporia Dec. 20, 1906.

Dear Sister Mary,

The box you sent us by mail came today in excellent condition. It is truly a bundle of conveniencies and we shall prize it for what it is and still more for the given. Have received no letter yet but want to thank you for this nice christmas present coming a little in advance.

I am working every day at The Jones Clothing Co. and do not have much time to write. Get home at about 6.30 and after supper do not feel much like writing or reading. From now until christmas will keep the store open until 9 o'clock P. M.

We hear from Carroll every week. About two months Bess, brother came

to live with them. His health has not been good for some years. After being with them a few weeks he was taken with pneumonia, and died. His father was in Pennsylvania for his health and was not able to come to the funeral. He was buried at Whiting, Kan. by the side of his mother. Dec 8. Carroll went with the remains.

I am sorry to send you such a short letter this time but it is better than none.

We will send you a little later a little package by mail as a reminder of Christmas.

We all wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and all send love

Your brother,
Edward.

Emporia, Ks. Jan 7. 1907

My Dear Sister.

We were very glad to get your letter — but it was very brief. I wonder if you the package we sent you as a christmas reminder. The Blue Book of Lyon County, a christmas card and a handkerchief. all in one package. The Blue Book contains views of a number of the public buildings and private residences and stores in Emporia also some of the farm residences &c in the county. Hope you received it but you did not mention it.

Howard Everett a week ago saturday and Zandee stopped over and took dinner with us on her way back to her school in Greenwood Co last saturday. Robbie met her at the train and took her back to her train. She did not get here until I had gone back to the store from my dinner. so I did not see her. Mary says she told her she does not like teaching.

Suppose you know that John Eddie is going to move his family to Chapman, Kan. this week

I am very glad that he has that place. Hope that they will find the place a desirable one. It is on the way from Topeka to Wakeeney, so that if we ever make Carroll a visit at Wakeeney, Chapman is on the way. We have never visited Carroll and Bess yet, and Esther was six years of age last Saturday Jan. 6th.

I have been working for the Jones Clothing Co. nearly three months but they will not need me after this week. so I will have to look up another place. I feel better to have regular employment, and then I need the money.

We find that box you sent of great convenience. It will be a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness in sending it

We have had very little cold weather yet. Today the merc. was 64 at 8 a.m. and 70 at 12. Last night we had a thunder shower with warm rain. This morning it was warmer out doors than in the house. We have 17 hens and got 7 eggs yesterday and 8 today. The grass on the lawns is quite green. Think, however, we will wait a little before making garden or planting potatoes. The boys have had three weeks vacation, but college opens again tomorrow. We are all pretty well and send love. Hope we shall hear from you soon.

Edward.

Emporia, Sept. 19. 1907.

My Dear Sister.

A week ago last sunday Carroll was taken sick in the pulpit at Wakeeney with severe pain in his bowels and was unable to conclude the services. He has kept his bed ever since. The doctor pronounced it a slight attack of appendicites. He has had pain and soreness in his right side. After a few days Dr. Lindsay said there were some symptoms of Typhoid.

Last friday or saturday Bess, (with the consent of Dr L.) sent for his old doctor at Colby, Dr. Beaven. He could not come at once but came tuesday morning. Dr. Beaven does not think he has appendicites

He says that pain and soreness in side is always present in typhoid. He advised hot water afflications which they have used with good results. Says he must keep very quiet and must continue liquid diet and that he must not preach before Nov. 1st.

They have a young man, a teacher, who is assisting in caring for him. Bess says the neighbors have been very kind in bringing in cooked food so as to make it lighter for her. Bess writes nearly every day to let us know how he is. She and the children are well.

She says Carroll has very little fever now.

Eddie and Ray are in College. Harry is in the High School. I am

working every day and have pretty good health. Get pretty tired sometimes. Mary or one of the boys usually drives down for me at noon and at closing time Robbie is working in Kansas City Mo. He is in a bolt and Nut factory His address is Kansas City Mo. Sheffield Station. He hopes that this work may be a stepping stone to something better in the future.

Ray spent five weeks of his summer vacation at Hutchinson working at Rorabaugh-Wiley Dry Goods Co where Charlie is and lived with Charlie. He enjoyed his stay there very much.

We are having August weather hot and dry.

With very much love.

Your brother, E. W. Everett

Emporia Ks. Sept: 29/07.

My Dear Sister.

We were glad to receive your letter yesterday. also glad to report that at last report Carroll was doing nicely. Bess takes all the care of him now. She has a woman come twice a week to help her with the work. Mrs Wilson, the wife of one of the elders take, care of the baby at her house most of the time. She expected that Carroll could sit up a little by yesterday or today. Carroll hopes to be able to come here to attend the Synod which meets here Oct: 10. We have not heard from them the last two days but take that to mean good news.

We are having a touch of cold weather but no frost yet. Hope to have our heater put up in the sitting room tomorrow

You ought to appreciate your apples. Last year we had all we wanted for summer and fall apples from our three trees. This year we had just one apple, small at that.

We had County fair here last week. They had a good display of cattle, horses, poultry &c also grain and canned fruit but not of this years canning I saw there on a plate one mans entire apple crop right in number just ordinary ~~ity~~ cider apples.

We have apples at the store, good for cooking at 60 cts per peck but no good eating apples. Think we will have some New York

winter apples later on. The apples we have now come from Arkansas.

We were at church this morning It was Rally Day for the Sabbath School Did not get out this evening as it is damp and cold.

We all send love

Your brother

Edward.

Emporia Jan. 22 1908.

My Dear Sister:

Have just been writing to Carroll and Charlie and John Eddie and although it is most nine o'clock and time to retire I will try to write you a few lines.

We are having a remarkably open winter. The blue grass on the lawns is still green.

We have all nearly recovered from our colds.

Last monday morning we all attended the Annual Oratorical contest at the college at which three prizes were offered, one for $15. and $10. and $5.

We were sorry to learn of Margaret's sickness. Hope she has recovered. Hope to get a reply to my letter to John Eddie soon.

Robbie has a steady job for two months at a book and art store here. We enjoy having him home.

We hope to hear from you again soon

All send love.

Your brother,

Edward.

Emporia, March 9. 1908.

My Dear Sister.

Received your welcome letter last week.

I have not been quite myself since I had a touch of La Grippe about ninety days but have kept at work most of the time hoping to wear it off. But have not been in the store since last Tuesday evening - nearly a week. Guess I ought to have given up sooner.

Have been having spells of coughing worse at night, which has been quite weakening. am better than I was a few days ago. My appetite is good but do not gaining strength. Hope to be back at work in a few days.

We have a very pleasant sitting room with bay window (3 windows) facing south. Also one window facing east towards the business part of town. The lawns are quite green and shrubs drying up after the rain of last week. Some of our neighbors have begun working garden but ours is not found yet.

Have not heard from John Eddie since I last wrote you.

We enjoy having the four boys home with us over winter. Robert is still working at the book store and keeps us supplied with magazines. Have just been reading two articles about New York's favorite welsh son, Governor, and presidential candidate.

Although Kansas is for Taft and he seems to be in the lead, still it would not be a serious calamity should the nomination go to Hughes.

The boys keep busy with their lessons. Ray is taking vocal music lessons and Harry is taking lessons on the piano.

Hope you have recovered from the slight cold of which you spoke.

Tuesday P.M. - Did not finish my letter yesterday.

Eddie and Harry helped them in the store saturday. Eddie said they took in 50 cents of eggs (30 to a dozen) saturday. Paid 14½ cts for sugar

farmers are quite busy plowing and getting ready to put in the seed for a crop. Fruit prospects here are very good yet.

In your last letter you spoke something about the blizzard in Kansas. We have not had anything like a hard storm this winter. The merc. has been down twice as low as ten above zero. and we have had but very little snow. We have not had such a warm March as last year.

Give my love to Jane and Clara and Margaret when you see them. and accept a good share yourself.

Your brother,

Edward.

Emporia, March 15, '08.

Dear Sister Mary,

Your very welcome letter came yesterday morning.

I have made a great improvement since writing my last letter. Went back to work Saturday and have been gaining every day since. Have nearly recovered from my cough, and am feeling better than I have for three or four months. When I am well and able to work I feel better to be at work than to be sitting at home.

Do not remember about writing you that I had chores to do after coming home. Possibly I might have mentioned last summer about our, (Mary and I) driving up to the College

we can both take a vacation and a trip to visit Carroll and Charlie.

Am sorry you are still having trouble with your cold and ding chilly about your shoulders. Hope you will take good care to not expose yourself and take more cold.

I have been taking medicine for my trouble for the past three weeks. Took the last yesterday. Do not know what it was the doctor gave me for my cough. I think this is the first medicine I have taken for nearly two ~~years~~ years

Mary is troubled a good deal at times with rheumatism.

This letter is mostly about myself and guess I have said enough on that subject. Hope we will both write oftener

Campus, where we pastured our cow, to milk after coming from the store. We used to do so frequently.

I have not done any of the chores, morning or evening, all winter. Eddie has built the fires, and done all the chores. He has not had a paper route since last spring. Ray and Harry each have an evening paper route to carry, and Ray has a morning paper route.

You ask if I have any special obligation to meet such as repairs, etc that I have to keep at work. I would say no, except the necessary running expenses of the home, but the boys help in doing that. They are very good about helping, but you know they have a great many calls for money while attending college.

Thank you for your very kind suggestion about financial help. But I hope we will get along nicely now, and perhaps in the summer

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Was thinking a good deal last week about our dear mother who left us thirty years ago the 12th of this month. But whose example has been such an inspiration to me all these years.

With love from your brother,

Edward.

Emporia. April 30. 1908.

My Dear Sister.

We were not very much surprised when we received the telegram telling of the death of brother James Allen at the hospital at Utica, as we knew of his decission to go there and submit to an operation. He had a severe sickness before we visited them, and has had some very severe spells of sickness from gall stones since then. The sickness he had the past winter was very severe.

The surgeons found a gall stone imbedded in his liver which after breaking they took out between his ribs. He died praising God. It is such a comfort to know this. O, how much we will be missed by his family and friends.

We recived a telegram from Charlie last Monday announcing the arrival of Arthur Edward (weight 10 lbs). a grandson and your nephew. A letter came yesterday saying that mother and son were doing nicely. Charlie said he intended to have his photo to send us but did not think we could wait him still long enough for that. said we had already given the College yell. No doubt he is a wonderful boy.

I enclose a copy of program in which you will be interested. It was only about a week ago that we learned that Ray was intending to take part in the Declimation contest and that he was taking Lincoln or the same.

We did not go to the contest as Mary was not feeling well enough to go and

Tuesday I may write a little more and
if a mail time. I'll mail it so you
will get it in time (hope I can) and
was last May I took first place and won
the $10. prize. It brings to mind the time
when Carroll won first prize in a
declamation contest at the College
about 18 years ago. His voice is a good
deal like Carroll's.

We have had some days of cold weather
with a little frost at night but do not
think the fruit prospects have been damaged
It is warmer tonight. We are going
to take our cow to pasture tomorrow.

Mary received your very kind and
sympathizing letter. Hope she will have
time answer it soon. She is cleaning
house with what help she can get from the
boys. — All send love Your brother,
Edward

Wish very much that we might visit you this summer but do not know as we can afford the expense. We will certainly enjoy Carroll's report of the trip and visit with you all.

It is seven weeks ago this morning since I had that awful fall. I examined the place today where I fell. It was about 8 feet. It surely was providential that my life was spared and that I was not more severely injured.

We expect Ray home for a weeks visit next monday and hope that Eddie will come with him. It will [illegible] next Sunday.

We had a [illegible]

[illegible] garden will [illegible]

Many [illegible] and sweet peas in bloom. The roses are nearly all gone. Her ferns make a fine display on the porch.

We have a hammock on the porch and I have been making

Emporia, May 29, 1911.

My Dear Father.

Your good letter with the enclosed check came last week. I have been taking the Emporia Gazette and like it very much. It is

good use of it of late, after my
walks. We have a fresh cow,
& have all the milk we want-
besides selling about 8 qts a day.
We all send love. Remember
me will look for another letter
from you soon.

Your brother
Edward.

Emporia. Sept 18. 1911.

My Dear Sister.

Last week we spent two days visiting in Topeka. The weather was exceeding warm. Thursday the 14th the mercury was 99 at 2 o'clock P.M. It was the warmest September day in 25 years. And the papers say that it was cool in the eastern states. We had a very pleasant time and enjoyed hearing them tell of their trip and visit with you all. It made us wish that we could take a trip to visit you all.

Carroll and Bess have had a hard time since their return home. The anxiety of the small boy sickness, and the sickness and death of Mr. Fleming has told on both of them. Bess looks thin. They are looking for another house, and when they get moved it will be better for them all.

Mary and I both feel better after our trip. I have gained 4 pounds in a week.

Harry has gone to Hutchinson to help

Charlie driving the state fair which is there this week. A letter from Ray today stated that he expected to be in Hutchinson the last of this week. Eddie also expects to be there the last of this week. Robert also expects to visit them at the same time. So there will be five Everett boys there. In the mean time Mary and I will be alone.

We hope to hear from you again soon We both send love

Your brother

Edward.

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Emporia, Mch. 28, 1913

My Dear Sister,

Your welcome letter was received this noon. I had my pen and paper ready to write you last Wednesday evening to assure you that none of us were harmed during the storm of last Sunday evening, but changed my plans and wrote to Charlie first and then it was bed time. That storm which was so fatal in Omaha and other places did no damage in Kansas but we had high wind at the same time. We are very thankful that none of our relatives were in the flooded towns of Ohio of which we read such heart rending accounts. We are very glad that Robert is not there.

Carroll and Charlie each have a copy of the memoir and we have three copies. To have one for each of the boys and one for ourselves we need two more. The boys will prize them now, but they will prize them much more in years to come.

I am sorry you are still having trouble with your stomach. Glad you had such a good time on your birthday, even if the roads were bad.

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Robert has not realized anything in a financial way yet from his patents but he is very hopeful. He has a rein holder device which he is pushing now and from which he hopes to get money to push the more costly device. The rein holder is a device to be attached to the dash board and will retail for 75 cents. His plan is to sell state rights to active young men who will push the sale of them.

We have heard from Carroll and from Charlie this week and Eddie phoned to us last Sunday. They are all well and we are all well at home.

We have had a cold spell with snow since my last letter so we have no garden made yet but now the snow is all gone and it's more spring like.

With much love from each of us

Your brother,
Edward.

Emporia, Dec. 10, 1911

My Dear Sister,

We were very glad to get your good letter with so much about our relatives. You ask about Charlie's little girl's name. I am surprized that no one has informed you. Her name is Mary Elisabeth. She is named after her grandmother on both sides and two great-aunts We surely ought to be pleased with the name.

We had a short visit from Eddie on thanksgiving day for the first time since last Christmas. He promised to come again on Christmas.

Robert is still at Cincinnati where he is developing what he has been studying at for the past two years, and which he hopes soon to have

patented. and which will be valuable to him.. His address is 506 W. 7th St:

Eddie's address is Newton Kansas, and Ray's address is Wakeeny, Kans

We had a much needed rain yesterday and today has been clear and balmy.

We all send love. Hope we may hear from you again soon.

Your brother,

Edward.

Emporia, Ks. Aug. 17/13

My Dear Sister.

Ten years ago we were having our visit with you and the Tabor relatives. Since then mother Allen, James, George and Margaret of the Lewis Co. group have left us and Jane also has passed away.

It has been a good many weeks since we have had any word from you. Has J. E. and family visited you yet and has Robert been there?

We have had very warm weather for the past two weeks. The merc. has climed to 100 or over for thirteen days. One or two days it was 108. It has been a little cooler

today but very dry. Kansas has had a good crop of wheat oats alfafa hay and potatoes but the corn crop will be light. We are anxiously looking for rain which will help late corn, kaffir corn and pastures. Fruit is not plenty.

Ray went to Paola during his two weeks vacation and brought Esther and Helen home with him for a few days visit with us. On their return home I went with them as far as Osage City to transfer them to the Missouri Pacific depot which is about four blocks. From there they reached home safely.

Carroll will make us a little visit in October when the Synod of Kansas meets here. Do not suppose Bess can come as the girls will be in school. Esther will enter high school this fall. Helen is a bright little girl, light hearted and active. We enjoyed their visit very much. Esther is a great reader.

Charlie's family are in Colorado with Mr. and Mrs Davis & their two girls. Charlie and his partner are at work on a contract in Hutchinson. Eddie is still at Newton. He made us a short call about two weeks ago while returning from Council Grove

He is district manager of the Bell Telephone Co. and he has to visit about twelve places besides Newton every month. Ray is in the bank and Harry in the Jones clothing Co. store. He is thinking of re= entering school this fall.

Now I hope you will write and let us know how you are, and about our Utica cousins.

Mary and I have not been away any where this summer and think that home is the best place while it is so hot. We all send love.

Your brother
Edward

P. M. I forgot to mention anything about Robert. He went to Cincinniti about the middle of June, and from there to Washington D.C. and has been there ever since. He is staying with a class mate, who is a lawyer, and who takes a deep interest in Robert; and who is a great help to him.

This is monday evening. We have had another hot day with no rain except a light shower of about five minutes duration

Your brother,

Edward.

Emporia, Ks. Nov 17/13.

My dear Sister,

We are very sorry that you have such trouble with your eyes. Cannot something be done to stay the progress of the cataract? When did you first notice the trouble coming on?

The trouble I have had with my toes has nearly left me. I have had the same trouble at times every winter for ten years. My toes puff up, and are feverish. Ulcers form on top where corns usually come making it painful to wear a shoe. My feet do not trouble me now.

You ask what kind of ink I use. I generally use Harry's fountain pen and he says that Waterman's fountain pen is the best. Do not think that is

what I am using tonight.

Charlie was here last week while on his way to Council Grove where he went to bid on a job of cement work. He and his partner secured the job. It is a septic plant which the city is putting in, also sewer. It will take 6 or 8 months to do the work. Charlie has rented a home there and will move in about two weeks. Council Grove is only about 30 miles from Emporia.

We are all invited to Abbie's on Thanksgiving and hope to go if we are well and the weather permits. We have not been there for three years.

Do you know that on the first of next month it will be fifty years since I left home and went to work for Jones & Roberts at Ransen.

Mary got a nice box of candy by parcel post today from her son Edward who lives at Newton, and is District Manager for the Bell Telephone Co.

Ray and Harry are all the boys we have at home. Ray is quite a good singer & getting bald.

Mary has been washing today and is waiting for me finish this letter

and neline.

Wonder if you had a part of the storm that was so disastrous on the lakes last week. We had none of it. The roads are very good here, no snow, and grass is green, but leaves are nearly all off the trees.

With very much love from us one and all

Your brother,

Edward.

Emporia Jan 27. 1914

My Dear Sister.

We were very glad to get your good and cheery letter and judged by its tone that you were comfortable. Hope you have not suffered during the recent storm of which we read and severe cold in the eastern part of the country but which did not reach Kansas. The lawns in town have remained green so far.

We had a letter today from Carroll. The girls are doing good work in school. Esther has passed into the high school. She stood the highest in her class of about 40. and there were but two

who were younger than she. Helen also has been advanced in her work.

Harry has this week started in school at the State Normal here. He is going to be a dentist and is taking work necessary for ~~a~~ such a course.

He and Ray were at Council Grove about a week ago to see Charlie and family. Charlie is getting along nicely with his job. The weather has been fine for his work.

Eddie called us up over the phone sunday. Said he would be going through Emporia this week and would call at home.

Robbie is in Baltimore, Md. at present. Expects to

be home about March 1st.

Charlie's postoffice address is simply Council Grove, Kansas He would be glad to hear from you.

We are both as well as we were last winter. Neither of us have had colds so far. We have a great deal to be thankful for.

We all send love

Your brother

Edward.

Emporia, April 6. 1914

My Dear Sister,

Received your letter today but the paper has not come yet. Glad to be remembered on my birthday.

Our good friend and neighbor Mr. Bissell passed away at 6.50 this morning after a sickness of ten days during which time he was concious all the time. He repeated to me last week, John 14: 2 and 3. and then said to me "that promise is good enough for me." He was ready to go and waited patiently to be released.

Cina and Elsie were here last evening. They are well. Abbie and family are well. Her daughter Edna is teaching music at West Point. Miss Arthur lives near them. Has 3 boys and two girls

Abbie's second boy Edward also lives near them and has two little girls

I am not having much trouble with my feet for the last two months. Mary is not having as much trouble with her feet as she did when I wrote you last

We would be very glad to visit you the coming summer, but cannot promise such a treat now.

Harry has been having the mumps. but has recovered and gone back to school.

We are all as well as usual now. Will try to write again soon. With love.

your brother Edward.

E. W. E.
April 6, 1914

Mt Vernon, Apr. 3. 1861.

Dear Father.

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to let you know that we are down here. Sue & Ann came down with Thos. the day we left home but it has gone down now. The weather is pretty cold now the corn has been planted several days & the oats are all sown & the grass is coming on the clover.

Just as I was going up to see Martha I was surprised to see Jennie riding behind the door, she has been up here with Caroline to

Emporia Dec 20, 1905.

My Dear Sister,

I wrote you about the 3rd of Dec. that we have bought a house on West and 10th Ave a little over half a mile nearer town than where we now live.

Have got the house cleaned and the carpets down and expect to move tomorrow. Have had fine weather and good roads all the month. A little snow this eve. Love from you brother & family

E. W. Everett

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Miss Mary H. Everett, M.D.,
Remsen
New York

and very it me considering the cost which was very expensive, as we are aroul out of such things. Jos. Hs and Jennie went down to Ellis Island this afternoon on the ferry intending to come back on the three o'clock train.

I am going to the mill to day to get the last letter in the mail.

Father just came up with the Germania, and we will expect some letter to-day. Sure has been around raining today and probably more will be tomorrow. I am very glad that the hay and oats were coming in as we have on the south of Ranch. I must now close as I have started my letter one hour and it will be dark & cold.

We are all well and hope you & dear wife are the same.

Love from us all, Father & Mother.

Whitestown Sem., Oct. 30. 1862.

Dear Father

Your letter has just come to hand. If you were of the same opinion as I about the draft you would not want me to avoid it. I think I should go as soon as anybody, and I am willing to go, as far as I myself am concerned, but I know I should comply with your wishes. Mr. Gardner has given notice that those who desire to avoid the draft should get certificates of him before the 3d of November. I will see him about it in the morning. And I will meet you at the cars Monday morning.

With regard to provisions, I have just finished the bread and butter. I bought a pound of butter last night

and a loaf of bread today. Hiram and I bought half a bushel of potatoes of Ellis Ellis, and we get a quart of milk occasionally of him. Knowing what I have not, mother can tell what I need. My chum is going home in about a week. He thinks of teaching this winter.

Prof. Reed and his bride (Miss Bowen) have come on their wedding tour to visit Prof. Gardner. They came on the stage this evening.

Friday morn:- I have been in to see Prof. Gardner this morning and gave him my name. He will go to Utica on Monday and certify before the judge that I am a member of this institution. He said that there would be no need of you coming down.

From your affectionate son
Edward.

Whitestown, Nov. 7, 1862.

My Dear Mother,

In the first part of my last letter I promised to be at Utica when the cars came in last Mon., and afterwards I stated that it would not be necessary any one to come down, but neglected to say that I would not be at Utica. I presumed that no one would be down. Tuesday I found a satchel in the Post Office directed to me. I have not heard how it came down. I am sorry I did not stay in Utica till the cars came (for I stayed at cousin Mary's over Sunday) if Father or Lewis did come down expecting to find me there. I was very glad to find that satchel, or rather its contents, I let E. Jones have one loaf of the bread and he is going to

buy it back next monday in fresh bread.

A. D. Cook has left school to teach ~~school~~ I have moved to No. 56 third hall, and I now room with Mr. Cooper. His brother has been rooming with him until now, but he has left to teach also. I wrote a letter to John T. Roberts the same day that I wrote home last, to inquire if he wanted to room with me next term. I would like to find out soon so I can make arrangements with one of the boys that is here now if he does not room with me. One of the boys here wants to room with me and he is waiting for me to hear from Johnny. Will one of the girls please inquire of him when they see him and let me know, lest he should not write.

This after-noon Miss Sarah Davis, of Mason, sister of Thos. E. Davis, the preacher called on me to inquire if Cynthia had got a room-mate for next

term. She is coming next term and she wants Cynthia to room with her. She has engaged a room. I promised to write to Cynthia about it and if she would room with her to have Cynthia write to me and let me know, and I will let Miss White know. I told her that I thought Cynthia would board out of the Seminary, and that I thought she would room with her as a day scholar.

You see I am making arrangements for another term. I do not know as you can spare me to come or not, but I hope that I can come. I think that I have got a pretty good start with my studies, and next term would be worth much more than this has been. I wanted like to have a Welsh ~~alphabet~~ alphabet card sent in the next letter, for my "churn" to learn to read welsh. I think there are some old ones that will do, in the table drawer

in the office. Last night they got hold of the Confederate and tried to read it. It was quite amusing to hear him.

Last Friday evening I went to aunt Betsey's. Cousin Jennie was alone when I went there, aunt had gone to Utica to try to get some Soldiers clothes to sewon, but she came back while I was there without any sewing. She expects to get some this week. Samuel came home before I came away. He is in Rome now keeping book, in a flouring mill. They were all well then.

It seams as though we as a nation were being visited by one judgement after an other. The country being involved in civil war, and filled with traitors both north and south; now the election has gone democratic. I hope the chosen officers are not all secessionists, for I fear that some of them are. My sheet is full and I must close. With love to all home, Eddie.

Lyons. Sept. 23 1869.

Dear Mother

I bought a ½ bbl. of Whitefish for 7.75. You will probably get them to morrow. I am very sorry that I could not get a crate of peaches for you but they were so scarce and high there to day that I did not buy any. I expect to hear from Utica Monday about the price &c of peaches and if we order any I will order one for you & them, and let you know. I left the basket of tomattoes in the depot. Hope you got them all right. I suppose Sarah intended to pay for a pair of shoes, but

forgot it. So I will take out my pay for them and send you the change.

White Fish	7.75	
Tomatoes	.20	12.50
Shoes	3.50	11.45
		1.05

I went to cousin Mays. She had just moved & I'm sleepy to write any more now

Love to all at home.

From Your Son

Edolia.

Turin, May 13, 75.

Dear Mother

I suppose you have been expecting to hear from me to know when to expect us. Well, I have been expecting to write and inform you but have been undecided (when to go to N.Y. Our boys have both got the whooping cough but it does not seem to make them worse to take them out if they do not take cold I think Carroll has got through with the worst of it! My present intention is to come on the first train on Friday of next week and stay over night at home. Do you think it would be wise for us to bring

the children or had Mate better wait until they get well and then come with them? I do not think it would hurt them but perhaps they would expose someone else. Please write us what you think. Have the girls got home yet?

With much love to you and all at home from us both

I remain, your Son

Edward

Trenton, N. J. May 20/75.

Dear Mother

We have concl
to wait and come Sat. morn
and stay with you over sabba
Please send to meet us
the morning train

In haste

Your aff. Son

Edward.

Turin, June 16, 1875.

Dear Mother

We have been expecting to hear from you to know how you got home and to know how you stood the journey. I hope you had no trouble with the baggage. I did not feel so well Friday & Saturday and was at the house nearly half of the time since Monday Morn. I have been feeling quite well. It has been rather cold since the last rain but is very pleasant this morning. Kate and the children are quite well. We have had our garden hoed and the stone heaps taken away. They put them on the road. Our garden looks much better. With much love to you all, Your

(Please write Soon.) Loving Son Eddie

Susie, July 26, 1875.

Dear Mother,

We received Jennie's letter with check $14. Sat. eve. We are very glad that Fannie and Owen are coming to make us a visit. Abbie is to be with us this week— we will try to make it pleasant for Fannie. We are all quite well. You must be all quite busy now the last of the month. I have no time to write more now as it is time to close the mail.

Your son
Edward.

Dear Mother

W. H. Jones was here today and wished me to write you that he could not possibly send you the Bbl. flour you ordered until Monday next. He will send it to you Monday. If you cannot wait and do not wish him to send it to you then please drop him a card.

We are all well. Have had a very wet day today.

In Haste

Your son

Aug 18/75. E. W. Everett

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ONE CENT

To Mrs E Everett

Rimsen

Oneida Co. N. Y.

Ionia, Dec. 15. 1876.

My Dear Mother.

We have heard nothing from home this eve. to know how you are, but as I have a few moments to spare will write a few lines. We received a card from Mary last-Eve. also in the same mail came a letter from Sarah. She appears to be enjoying her visit although the main object of their visit to Michigan does not seem to have been accomplished as William does not breath any easier than when in Steuben. She will be anxious to return home when she hears of your accident. We are glad and feel thankful to hear that you are so comfortable, We trust that you may recover

as rapidly and as well as you have on similar occasions before. It seems providencial that Mary was at home when the accident happened to relieve you and nurse you as no one else could. I wish I could come and make you a visit. I will as soon as I can. We feel very anxious to hear every day how you are and to hear how Anna is. I hope her Sunin visit did her no harm. Wish she might have staid longer.

Our boys have both had hard colds but they have about recovered now. They are anxiously waiting and enquiring how long before it will be Christmas. We are to have a Christmas festival or C. Tree at our church for the benefit of the smaller ones

of the school. The boys were very much interested in the books Anna bought for them. Carroll has learned every story in his and can tell all about the pictures. He can spell a good many words. Mate has come for me to go home and I must go as it is getting late. We both send love to you all and sympathize with you in your affliction.

Your affectionate
son and daughter
Edward & Mary.

Turin, Nov. 7th /77
7½ o'clock P.M.

Dear Mother,

I ought to have written to you yesterday morning but I was pretty tired and it was the same this morning but Nate wrote a card to Sarah. I had a pleasant ride on the cars. but had a hard ride on the stage. (a one seated, one horse rig) There were five passengers. Two of them walked with the driver and two men besides Charlie and I rode on one seat, and Charlie slept about half of the way. I was rather tired when I got home. It did not rain until after I got home. It was a very favorable day for me to come. I rested that night well, and went up to vote about 10

o'clock the next morning. Helped
a little in the store a part of
the remainder of the day. It seemed
good to see so many of my friends
that I had not seen for about
seven weeks. In the evening we
went to the tin wedding of Mr.
and Mrs. M. P. Clark. She is the organist
and he is the second chorister in
our church. We enjoyed the evening
very much. It is so good to get
out and see the folks again.
They took especial pains to make
it pleasant for me, and when I
got tired I went up stairs and
laid down and rested. There were
about a hundred present. The principal
present was a wall-mul-chamber
set that cost $95. There were several
smaller presents of tin. I got pretty
tired and did not go up street
today until after dinner. Guess

it did me no harm to be out last evening.

Carroll was very much pleased with his book and the beech-nuts. Charlie frequently talks over what happened while at Remsen. I have made good use of the sweet-cream you sent. There is just enough left for breakfast and it is perfectly sweet. We made good use of the meat. The ~~town meeting~~ Election here was very ~~quiet~~ quiet here this year. Our county has redeemed itself this year and elected the Republican ticket throughout we think.

I shall long remember my week's visit at home and the pains you all took to make everything pleasant for me. It did me a great deal of good besides the improvement in my health. I shall feel under greater obligations than ever

for all your kindness. I hope Sarah's cough is better.

I notice that the earth-quake that Williams heard was also heard in many places Deerfield, Rowe &c It was and heard here by several. I should think the shock was about the same here as it was there.

Carroll has gone to bed and Charlie is about ready to go to sleep and we are all sleepy so I will close. Martha Allen stays with us this week. Her cold is better. We hope to get a letter from home in the mail tonight and hope to hear that you are all well.

With much love to you all from your son

Edward.

Remsen Dec. 4, 1854.

Dear Sister Sarah.

I dont know what to tell you, but I must write a letter. How do you do, and Mary too? I wish that I could see you both. Cynthia is writing to Elisabeth. Anna is writing to you, and Thomas T. Jones Esq. is translating for he wants me to tell you what Lewis calls Know nothings in which it is Dunriddimiaid. Franky has been sick with the croup, he has not got over it yet. It is getting late it is half a past 8. so good night now lets take a bite, Thats a pleasure. Wednesday, - Anna and Lis have got through their letters and I am left behind to finish mine. Tell Mary I sent that Battle of the Alma. How soon do you expect to come home? I send you what verses we found on the last three subjects Lewis has four singing-schools one in Penymynydd one in Bethel one in Remsen Baptist Church & Capel yr Aloha

write if you please before closing love to all

good night.

Eddy.

Friday Jan. 8 1858

Dear Sister

I find that the easiest way to get a letter from you is to write to you first. I believe that I am the only one of our family who has not written to you, and if I am not mistaken I am the only one who has not had a letter and so I thought I would try it do see if I would be as fortunate as they. Mother has just returnd from the village she has got some of the thins you sent for in your letter. I came home last Monday after being gone sixteen ~~days~~ weks. Father had a meting in Utica Sunday, he came to Whitesboro Sunday night and we came home monday morning. The roads were pretty soft, but we got home safe without getting stuck. Oh it does seem so good to get home again after being gone so long. But when I find no Sarah there. Oh Sarah how glad we shall be when you get so well that you can come home without geting tired. I do wish you were here to taste our Molasses candy we made New Years eve it is firstrate. We had a very good temperance meting Yesterday in the after-noon and eveing. Mr. Pierce was the principal speaker. Edward Davis spoke a short time in welsh in the erving. They said he spoke well, but I could not understand much that he said.

You must excuse all the foolish things I write Sarah for I feel foolish this afternoon. I honestly do and that is no more new thing for me I have been only when away from home so long that I act foolish all the time now that is so You will excuse me for not writing five times better when it is getting dark and

and I must hurry so Anna can write. I guess Anna is getting impatient so good bye your affectionate sister

Eddy wears your little white breastplate that is right is it not. Ella is eating Eben Roberts wedding cake now.

Eddy

Dear Sarah

I do not hardly know what to say. I have got a new over-coat and under-coat too. My over-coat is green but the under-coat is not made. It is something like my old coat was when it was new. New Years eve we made too quarts of molasses candy we drew it all out and put it on two pie pans and a plate. Oh! dear I want to see you very much indeed I wish you would write to me before long. your brother

Eddy

Friday, Jan 2, 1852

Dear Sister Sarah,

We received your letter last night though unexpected it was welcome, yes, thrice welcome. Many and many a long week has passed since I have seen you, my dear sister, but still your memory is dear to me. Oh how I ~~wish you~~ wish you were here so I could sit down by you and tell you all I have to say; indeed I think those are highly favoured who have the privelege of going in and having a talk with you whenever they choose. It seems as though I never could tease you as I sometimes used to when you were home, if you were only back again; but enough of this. Mother went to the village this morning and got some delaine to make you a skirt, and two peices of calico for sacks; we send a little piece of the skirt and one of the sacks (as the other is not cut out yet) Mother says she cant finish them this week but we shall try to send them as soon as possible

I have commenced reading the Bible this year, and I mean to try to go on to the end of the year. Mary Jones went home yesterday (New Years). I hardly think she will come back till Sunday if she does then; her Mother wanted me to tell you that she wished you everything that is good. — Sat. morn. — We had a singing school in our church last evening; we had quite a good time. Emma was there; she wanted me to give her "cotia" to go and tell you she wanted you to come home so she could have an excuse to come and see us. Richard Richard is now with a load of wood, he is going to the village as soon as he gets through unloading and I must draw to a close so I can send this with him. With love from your affectionate sister

Anna

Feb. 1 1864

Dear Sister Sarah

I received your letter dated Jan 30 last evening and ment to answer it directly but I have left it until now. I suppose you have herd that David has gone home sick, he went last Tuesday. I went with him as far as Alice and saw him safely on the Cars. I hope he is not worse after going home, have not heard from him yet. I think he intends to return on Monday next if you have a chance I would like to have you send my linen coat mitt him.

Just before I came down David had been having some fun. Looked

so with what I took down we have had enough with now. It was pretty dry but it was good, you know when bread gets dry in this part of the country we just toast it and then it is better than new. I have some of that tin yet bread and butter goes better than cake that mutton was very nice but it has all gone now we have just finished the pies tonight. If you would find it convenient I would like to have you send some meat or apple sauce or some thing of the kind that you could when David comes. I have got to go after some bread tonight when I take this to the Post Office.

I have paid five dollars of my tuition and am going to pay the rest of it this week so that will be done with. I will have to get some more coal tomorrow, I guess I will get four hundred, I think that will be enough for us this term that will make fourteen hundred in all which cost $7.00

I am feeling pretty well now. I take more exercise than I used to. I went down to the Canal ~~last~~ yesterday afternoon to see them skate. I was wishing that I had some skates of my own. But the walk did me good enough. I enjoyed the time I spent. I think I shall get those skates next time I go to Utica and then I will be more apt to go and take exercise. I don't see why you need caution me against studying too hard. I think you had better caution me against not getting my lesson. There is where the danger lies and not in studying too hard.

There is but a very little sickness here or around here now. There is not body very sick in the Dem. now.

Cynthia went up to the lecture last night. I have not seen her since that but I hope I shall see her tonight. There is going to be speaking tonight. I must close. There the bell rings. I must close with love from E. M. Everett.

Whitestown Sem., Oct 7, 1862.

Dear Sarah

I suppose father and mother have returned from Utica before this and told about there staid all here, and that I went to Utica with them Saturday night, &c. It would be useless for me to tell anything about that because it is old news now. I didn't find Edwards and Davies and so I had to come up alone. It was a very bright moonlight evening, and pleasant to walk.

The school was suspended yesterday on account of the funeral of our fellow student Mr. Valentine. Quite a number of the boys, and two of the teachers were at the funeral, which was at Frankfort, about thirteen miles east of here, on the Central Rail Road. Mr. Valentine was at a party in the house where he boarded, and roomed week ago yesterday, apparently in good health, and probably ate too much cake, and the next day he was taken very sick with the "Bilious Colic". His folks were sent for immediately and he had the best of care but of no avail. His sickness terminated in the "Inflammation of the Bowels," and about three o'clock Saturday afternoon he died, and carried home on the cars that night a corpse. He was buried Sunday, but the funeral sermon was not preached until Monday. When on his death bed he was in great distress of mind and exclaimed "It is too late, I have neglected my soul in health, and now it is too late." What a lesson this should teach us.

This morning Mr. McEntee bid us adieu, and expects to start from Rome soon, in the war. He is the only one that has gone enlisted from [illegible] the Institution. Rev. Mr. Evans' son enlisted but his father staid the thing by not signing his name to the paper.

I told mother I would come home next Friday. If you think I had better wait a week or two please let me know in time.

The ladies are going to have a festival next Friday evening. Some of the young ladies are in our building now trying to sell tickets. They have just been here but I did not buy any.

We have had rainy weather for several days. This afternoon it is warm and sultry, and there is prospects of more rain. As most many of the students have gone to the "Teachers Institute, I should like to attend it for a day or two, but I don't think I had better lose school here for that. I should like to see the boys in the 5th Cavalry [illegible] home, I believe that is [illegible] and that one of his boys is here.

Do you have any silver or postage stamps up there now. There are things that I can not get [illegible] but I insisted on having a certain bank bill on this letter instead of stamps. I like this state of things will not last long. It is most four o'clock, and I must close this letter and put on my blue suit to drill. Give my respects to all who inquire after my welfare, and accept love for yourself. Please write soon

Yours truly.

Lurin May 11th 1869.

Dear Sister Sarah

I was very glad to receive your good long letter, for it had been a long time since I received a letter from home. I was very much interested in your description of cousin Charles. I wish that I could have enjoyed his visit with you. Hope some of you will bring him to see me before he returns, if he should conclude to do so. But I suspect he will not return, if he stays long enough to become a little acquainted with our institutions. If he should not have time to come up here please let me know and I will try to come home when he is there.

I was very sorry you had to wait so long for the fish. The price is $8.50 I have received $2 for a hymn book and given Father credit for the amount on our book, so the balance on the fish is $6.50. We have sometimes days

send for you. How much do you want at 16 cents per lb.? We shall have our new goods the last of this week and if you want anything I can send all together. I send you 2 Samples 36 in Silk at $2.15 and $2.75 and if there is any better bargains in the new goods will send you another sample when they come. If you send for anything please make out a list of what you want and I will try to fill your order satisfactorily.

The roads have got quite dry and it is a pleasure to ride, only in places where the water has washed away the dirt and left the stones rather too prominent when it is "hilly." Wish you were here this evening as I am going out for a short ride. It would be so nice to have your company. I find it very convenient to have a horse when I want to go any where.

We had our S. S. concert last Sabbath eve and a very good one too. Mr. Frost came with Rev. Mr. Williams and Mrs Williams' brother, a Doctor were glad with us and each made a few remarks. Last not the Dr. delivered a

temperance lecture on the "Abuses and Abuses of Alcohol." It was very good, I think the verses you sent me pro-capital in defense of the ladies. Guess they will not be molested again when they choose to work at their knitting or talking in the lodge. They have changed the evening of our lodge to Saturday eve. so as to accomodate those that are off at work all the week.

I have changed my boarding place. Am now boarding at Mr. Schell's near the school house. It is very pleasantly situated. Mrs. Schell is a music teacher and gives lessons on the piano. When any of you come up to see me it will be very pleasant for you there. I think Cynthia is some acquainted with Mrs. S. I wrote a letter to Mary (sister) over a week ago but as I did not have her address have kept it in my pocket thinking to write home and send it to you to mail to her. I guess I will send it, if it is sometime since it is written. Will try to write to Mother soon as answer to her letter. Hope you are all well. Should

think this fine weather would agree with Anna. I hope she will improve rapidly for I shall expect her up to see me this spring.

Mr and Mrs D.P. Williams came up this noon (so you probably know) to see Will. but he has not returned from N.Y. So not expected until Thursday. I have not seen Mrs. Williams yet. She is visiting with Delia. I must close now and go to tea. Love to you all. Write again soon.

Your brother

Eddie

Lunn, Feb 13th '69.

Dear Sarah

I did not intend to let so much time pass before answering your letter, but - I have been waiting until I felt ~~~~ like writing a good letter. I fear it will be useless for me to wait - any longer.

I have read those lines over and over and I hope sometime to see them in print. I am in earnest - I hope sometime to see a book published containing this and several other pieces that you have written.

I am writing this Sat. morn. by lamplight - I wonder what time you get up now? -

get up at five o'clock, and think it is just a spiral! I commenced yesterday morning. I find this the best time to read or write of the whole day.

"Josh. Billings" delivered his lecture on "milk" at Louville last Wednesday eve. I did not go. He says, I have seen a good many essays on milk and heard a good deal said about milk but the best thing I ever saw on milk was cream.

We in Lewisburg have our Town Meeting next Tuesday. I am glad we are going to have some excitement for it has been very quiet so far this month.

I am glad to hear that Anna is so much better than

when I was home. If she is giving music lessons I guess we can have a sing the next time I come home. Ask her if she ever saw a piece of music entitled, "When I've nothing else to do." I guess it is sheet-music. I would like very much to get it but do not know where to send.

They are having very good prayer meetings in the M.E. Church they have been held every evening this week and last. I have not attended yet but am going the first evening I can. There is a good religious feeling and some conversions. O. we need the influence of the Holy Spirit among us, in our own church and

in my heart. I am
glad to hear of the good
meetings you are having.
Hope they may continue and
that many may yet
be brought to the foot of the
cross. Pray that the Holy Spirit
may abide with us until
we are awakened spiritually
and that souls may be saved
and God himself glorified
May God bless you, dear sister,
and lighten your path. He
will lead us in the path we
should tread if we trust
him.

Cynthia's letter was duly
received and will be
answered soon. Give her my
love. The same to all the rest
and accept a good portion
yourself. Remember me kindly to
all who ask for me. Eddie

Turin, June 28, 1869.

My dear Sarah

I was glad last week to be again greeted by your hand writing. I was hardly expecting it of you as it is so seldom that you write, however it was none the less welcome. Thank you for sending that poetry. Think Jennies paper must have been superior if that was a sample. I do not find time to attend lodge this summer The County Lodge is to meet here in August.

We are to have a picnic at Lyons Falls Wednesday. The two Union Sabbath Schools and Boonville and Lyons Falls Schools are to join in picnic and we hope to have

a fine time. Wish some of you could come up that day. If you let me know I will meet you at the depot. Cynthia spoke of coming up after the Fair is out. Think it would be a suitable time for her to come. If it is raining it will be postponed till the first pleasant day. I was a little disappointed in not seeing any of you here to attend the meeting.

I have never read any works on Astronomy, but have often thought that I should like to. I have very little time to read. Wish I could spare a little time every day for reading. Tell Father I would like to have him send me two or three Hymn Books with Clasp. Write soon. Love to all at home.

Eddie.

Sunn, Monday morn.
Aug 30/69.

Dear Sarah,

When we were in Rome you asked me to get you a breastpin. We were buying some jewelry the other day and I saw across this which I thought you would like. It is gold the price $2.75 If you do not like it you can return it. The menagerie is here to day so we expect to be busy. must close in haste

Your affectionate
Bro. Eddie

Sister Sarah

I have got a subject for you to make some poetry about. The Buried alive. Let the person is waiting or wishing for some stately mansion in some gaudy town where the can outshine his neighbours and live at ease. And another desires to live in some secluded cottage where he and his household can live in seclusion

as it were from the
rustle of the world
and enjoy Their comforts
by themselves with
none to molest. While
another wiser than
all is not looking
for a home here
but is preparing for
himself a home
in heaven with God
and is spending his
pilgrimage here doing
good to others comparatively
unmindful of his own
personal comforts but
really enjoying himself
better than the others two

This has run through
my mind to-day and
I thought I would
write it down and
send it to you and
see if you could do
anything with it. If Eulogy
upon it as much as
you please, I shall
only give time out this
you need not know
this to any body for
perhaps it is all
nonsense. I am
to come this afternoon
and must write some
thing. Yours truly
E. H. Everett

Lewis Co. Ny July 22.

To Sister Sarah

It seems a long time since father and mother were here partly perhaps because I have not had a letter from home since then. I have not seen Cynthia since last Sabbath excepting for a few minit at the festival. I expected her down yesterday but she did not come.

The first part of last week we had fine times getting ready for the festival. It was rather warm working, but we met in the hall evenings to trim it. We had a good turn out although it rained late in

the after=noon.

— Cynthia came to the door of the store when I was waiting this to call for me and as it was too early to go to church we went for a walk to the cemetary. Rev. J. L. Jones is with us to=day. He preached in the welsh ch. this morning and went on the hill in the after=noon but as they had the meeting in the Methodist church and other strangers there he did not preach then. He preached in our church this evening in english. He is to be in Boonville next Sabbath. He has left New Berlin and has no charge at present.

Cynthia is going to have a vacation of two weeks, after this week so she expects to go home next Saturday. She

will have but seven weeks after that to teach. It will do her good to stop a little while. She will enjoy a visit home very much and you will doubtless be glad she is coming. But remember only seven weeks for some of you to come up and make us a visit. I must close now in order to get this in the mail. Write soon to your Brother

E W Everett.

Irwin. Feby. 20, 1871.

My Dear Sister

Your Kind letter was received Saturday we are very glad that you write often as there is nothing that does Mate more good than a letter from you. She took a little cold Saturday and was feeling pretty badly when your missive was received. I called the Dr. about twelve o'clock that night and had to be up all night with her and she felt better Sunday but did not sit up. She rested better last night and today is a good deal better. I was been in the sitting room all day. She has the couch up against the sitting doors, with the foot toward the register and I sent

most of the day then very comfortably. I think that by to morrow she will be entirely over her poor spell. I wish you could make us a short visit before long. I do wish you could see the baby. She grows every day. She keeps awake for an hour at a time, and does not cry much either. Cina and Mrs. White were up to see us yesterday. Carlos and Johnnie are making calculations to go west soon. Libbie and Cina will not go at present.

We have our town meeting in this County to morrow. The Democrats in our town (although the weaker party) have two tickets. The town meeting is to be at Thorneville.

Rev Mr. Williams had a

donation at our church last-
Wednesday eve. It was a
success. We received in all
about $130.

The bell is ringing for
me and I must close
it is and go home. I would
like to get the $50. that you
have to spare. If convenient
you can send me a check
or a post-office order either
will be as good as cash to
me, and I will send note &C.
Shall hope to hear from
you soon again

With much love
to you all, I remain
Your aff son.
Eddie.

Lurin, April 26th 1874.

Dear Sister Sarah,

Your letter came last evening. I shall start to New York tomorrow (Monday) morning. I had anticipated your wants and had some maple sugar put up for you I will leave it at the Remsen depot and the Bot. medicine with it. The sugar is put up with some for the folks at home. They have not ordered it but I think they will like to have some and so I venture. There is 13¼ #'s M. Sugar 13. @ 1.72

1 Bot. Asthma Specific 1.80

3.52

When William gets through Spring work I hope you can make us a visit. I believe I never answered

you inquiry about Butter Tubs. I could not get them made here by the best coopers for less than $1.00 for 80 weights and 75¢ for 60 weights. Those that make the best tubs here have all their tubs engaged ahead and are pretty independant. Mr. Mather of Boonville makes a good tub and you can get tubs of him for less money and they will answer every purpose I would advise you to see his tubs.

We have had quite a family all write ~~[illegible]~~ three students; and now we have Mr. & Mrs. Lewis and a hired girl. The children are very healthy this Spring, and are growing fast. The baby has one tooth and another most

through. He is the best-natured baby you ever saw. We call him Charles Henry now.— Don't know what it will be next. We have had all sorts of names for him. He is most-nine months old.

I expect to stop at-home on my return. I don't-know how much time I will have or how the roads will be to come to see you.

Nate is going down home for a couple of days when I am gone. She has not been home since Christmas.

We have a minister now His name is Vincent. He is a graduate of college and has just graduated at Auburn and was married last Thursday

at Auburn and came here with his wife that night. We have hired him for a year. He spends his whole time here — has no other church. He gets $800. salary. He is to board at Mr. Lyman's

Have you heard of the death of Mrs. Ragan's oldest son Charles J. Henry. He died at his home in Iowa about a month ago of consumption.

With much love to you both from your brother

Eddie.

P.S. I am coming back Friday or Saturday.

We had about two feet of snow last night but one or two days will take it all off again. Cooler weather for April 26.

Turin, Jan. 2, 1879.

Dear Sister Sarah,

It is a long time since we have received or written a letter to you. Wish you might find time to write a little. Suppose you do not have milk to take care of now.

I just heard yesterday of the death of four children of Edward L. Williams, Martinsburgh (Mrs W. is a daughter of D. W. Prichard) of scarlet fever. They were taken sick during that great storm and living back eight miles on the hill could not get a doctor. And the neighbors were so much frightened that no one rendered them any assistance. The four children were buried Sunday

and another died that-
day or yesterday and two
other children not expected to
live! A fearful visitation!
Have not heard of any
cases of scarlet fever in
this vicinity. We trust our
little boys may be spared
from that dreaded disease.
May God comfort those who
have been so sorely visited
and protect us. In all evil.
Mate is better. She did a
small washing yesterday and
rode up to the village with
Bobie. Has Jennie gone yet?
When is L. Eddie coming?
Love to William and yourself
and all.

Yours truly
Edward.

Turin, Oct. 12. 1877

Dear Sister Sarah,

Minnie's card came last night. The boys are elated over the idea of having another bbl. of apples from Remsen. They think more of any thing that comes from Remsen than from any where else — more than they used to before their nice, long visit there last Summer. I wrote you that Mate was sick again and then I wrote that she was better, but she has not been dressed and has not sit-ted since last Monday. She had a poor night Friday night and last evening she felt quite poorly and was afraid she was going to have another poor night

In the other barrel of apples were 42 cents to pay on a/c of freight. I expect to hear from you soon. Does Mate like to get a letter from home? Your brother Eddie.

and so she consented to have Dr Jones called in. She has been very much weakened during the past week by the loss of blood. and she got to be quite nervous and low spirited Dr. Jones cheered her up and assured her that there was nothing serious the trouble — that her lungs were not in a bad state — that her left lung was all sound (the one she thought was affected) and that the other was just a little congested owing to a little cold, and that the pain in her lungs just now was due to nervousness. His visit cheered her up and she had a very good night. She left her some medicine and called again today. I do not think she can sit up much this week

Her mother is with us. We have a woman every monday to wash. Her mother is not very strong but it is a great comfort to have her with her now. I wrote to Mary about her last Thursday and hope to hear from her tomorrow. Two years ago she was waiting on me. Just a little later than this, I belive, you were with us when I was so sick.

Tomorrow is the anniversary of our marriage. ten years we have been spared to each other. Those ten years have marked a great change in our family Our dear father, Mother, Cynthia Elizabeth and William have been taken to that home above in these ten years. We had hoped to have a little family gathering of those that are left on our tenth anniversary of our marriage but

sickness has prevented. We hope that we may have a more complete family re-union yes, an unbroken family gathering in that blissful abode where our dear home been gathering one after another so rapidly of late. Let us commit ourselves and our dear ones, into the care of Him who doeth all things well.

I wish you and Jamie could visit us before you go to New York. We expect at least that Jamie will come, and as soon Ethel is so that I can leave her over night ~~then~~ I mean to make you a short visit. I hope she will continue to gain strength and get well before many days. We all send love.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson's account of Ophelia during 42 days - 6 on

Home

Friday morning

Dear Julia Sarah.

I have been thinking of you a great deal of late and wishing so much that we might get you and William up in. It is to [illegible] that your home took its first in the new settlement! I do hope all has got well so that you will be able to come as soon as the roads get fuller. Our Teacher has gone next week so keeping house will be such a relief to us and under the circumstances it is much better.

I will tell you the next time I see you. Well how are you & William getting along I imagine you think in your cozy little home. Taking all the comfort imaginable I have often thought of you since our visit there how cozy and neat you keep there. So Will is troubled with the Asthma now? think a ride out here would do him ever so much good. The children are about over the whooping cough. they caught it of Ralph for I was so nice & very careful not to let them go out & take cold, and gave them medicine all of the time. Carrie talks a great deal about coming

up a few days in a few days

on the cars to Grandpa's.
Aunt Eva writes Mr. Cornell & boys
& Children went to Portland Sun
and Cornell saw the cars
and cried to go to Grandpa's
Edward is very much better
now than he was last weeks
so I was really afraid
he was going to have the
typhoid fever but he went out
of the village about a mile
to see a Mr. Pitkin that was
very sick, and he said he
felt sick as soon as he
stepped in the room.
Effie is with me now and
how we shall stay she
helps me a great deal.
I must close and get going
up to the store to come home
with Edward. Please write
me. Hattie to Jennie

P.S. Have you written to Grandma

March 16, 1853.

Dear Sister:

I got home safe yesterday afternoon, but had a very cold ride. I suppose that is what you want to know first. My fingers were too cold to untie the cakes so I brought them home and gave them to the baby; you know who that is dont you?

Ask Henry if he will get two or three pounds of bird seed when he comes from New York. Ask him if he had not better get me mare seed too. Will you please

to get a crochet needle an ivory one remember, dont forget it and send it home with sarah.

Eddy.

P. S. You are respectfully invited to attend to ~~me~~ writing to me in about five minutes after receiving this.

E. W. E.

Remsen Nov. 6, 1858.

Dear Sis;

I don't know whether it will be safe for me to write to you or not after leaving it so long, you write to me in May I think and I never answered your letter, I suppose you will not thank me for writing, now will you? Well I'll venture to write any way.

I was very glad to get your letter, I'll assure you that wasn't the reason I didn't write sooner.

How do you like to go to school out East, I guess you like it pretty well or you would of been home before this. ——— How is Johnny and Lizzie now? give my love to them, does Johnny

go to school yet? How is Hattie.

I wish I could come and make you all visit and go to sea now with you a day or two. What do you study now?

Edward has left us now and we have no steady hand at the case but poor Anna she will take it hard this month I fear, Lewis will have to be gone the latter half of this month, on his Supervisor-ship business Mr. Davies does not set much besides working at the case.

Father write to John yesterday we have not heard from him for nearly a month, when have you heard last from him.

Anna is writing to Sarah now she is on her fourth page, I have just been giving her a long sentence and now I have got one back from her she says — I would be happy to get a letter from her whenever she sees fit to write." please see fit soon.

It has begun to snow a little, I suppose the ground will be white by morning, it is the first snow of winter.

What do you think I had better do this winter there is going to be no school in our district this winter. What do you think of me working in the office if I don't go to school.

Mr Samuel and family are going to move out to Illinois in about two weeks, isn't that too bad.

Mary's health is a good deal better than it has been, she is like every thing at home now and at work every day.

I must hurry up my cakes Anna threatens to write on the last page of my letter.

Good night with love to all "all"

Eddie

(Composition No. I.)

Bien aimée Lorne Ne S'y oublie amid promises to write all. Hoofs, Paws, Wings, Feathers, Fins, Scales, Mail, Claws, Beaks, Tails, Manes, Horns, Tusks, Stings, Fangs, Teeth, Gills, Lungs, Wool, Hair, Skin, Feathers, Fur, Hide, Leather, Silk, Velvet, Satin, Cotton, Linen, Lace, Ribbon, Flannel, Broadcloth, Calico, Gingham, Plaid, Checks, Stripes, Dots, Figures, Flowers, Vines, Leaves, Trees, Fruit, Grain, Vegetables, Minerals, Gems, Jewels, Pearls, Diamonds, Rubies, Emeralds, Sapphires, Opals, Turquoise, Amethysts, Topaz, Agates, Onyx, Coral, Ivory, Bone, Horn, Tortoise Shell, Mother of Pearl, Shells

Renson March 5/58

Dear Sis

Father Mother and I went to the Quarterly meeting in the stone church in Renson this morning and after-noon Mother and I went to William Williams to dinner, had a very good meeting this after-noon and very crowded

Edward has just come home from Rome he got that book that Jennie sent to have me get "My Schools and School Masters" by "Miller" It is a great large book, nice work for me evenings to read it, I am most tempted to leave my letter and go and read that now

I must tell you something about the "town meeting". Lewis Mer Davis Ed. and I stayed up all night Mon. night there was some body there all the time until about half past three then we expected another ticket from this town, we all went to bed half past six, in about half an hour the ticket came and Lewis and Davis got up to act and work it Georgie bolled for it, I got up about half past nine. O I had left the fit until the last. Lewis has got to be a Supervisor perhaps he will get to be president of the United States it who would think of such a thing. My sheet is getting full and I must bid you with good by with much love Eddie

Renssen, April 12/58.

Dear Sis

I dont feel like writing a bit to-night but I must write something if it is all nonesence you must excuse me for not writing sooner. I have not been feeling well atall since you have been gone, but I feel better now since we have comenced the springs work. We have not done much out this spring yet.

I tapped a few trees this spring and made a little ~~Maple~~ ~~Sugar~~ Maple Molasses, have you had any Maple Sugar this year

I have had a little.

Father is going to have some maple trees set out in the lane and on the yard, wont they look nice.

Tuesday Eve. — So much written last night, if I can succeed in writing as much to-night I think that will do for me. We were rather backward with the folding last month. They missed you very much in sewing Sarah says.

Georgie has been writing to Anna but has stoped.

Robbie is full of his fun as ever he is learning to talk every day, he says Sarah pretty plain now.

We have got a boy to mill and work on the farm, his name

is Hugh Jones about eighteen years old.

We have got two little orioles, are going to raise one of them and sell the other for sale. — How is Johny and Sissie and Hattie, give my love to them all. When is Mary coming home give my love to her good bye with love from

Eddie.

Dear Cynthia April 16 1868

We receive your letter last evening were very glad to learn of the good state of religion in your place and pray and hope the interest will increase the young convert to meet

for prayer meeting once a week
and have very good meetings
Eddie had a letter from Jennie
this week they have a revival
there have prayer meetings
every day in the different
Churches I can not get her
letter now, Many of the young
ladies are anxious and some
are rejoicing in the Lord
Sarah and June are gone to
the village to visit Jennie in
her new house, what we called
the poor house they are going to
make a nice house of it, June and
the baby are quite smart
Sarah has not been very well
and did not feel like going out
any where she to took a
notion that she would go to
day, her heart does not trouble
her as much but she feels weak

Remsen Nov. 16, 1858

Dear Sister

I received your letter last Tuesday, suppose you had not seen my letter when you wrote me had you?

To-morrow is going to be a great day with us. Lewis is going to Rome, to the "board of Supervisors" Jane and the Children are going up to her Fathers to stay a while, Sarah is coming home, Tommy is coming here to work, and I don't know what else.

Mr. Manuel's Family are going to start out west To-morrow isn't that too bad?

We have not heard from John for afunt a month. Father told me to bring a letter from him to-day but I could not find any in the post office.

I don't know what to do this winter, wish I could go to school, but I must be contented without that I suppose for a spell anyway.

I am glad you engoy yourself so well there at school, when do you expect to come home or don't you expect to do such a thing.

I must draw my letter to a close for it is getting late. — Good night.

Edelie W. Everett.

P. S. Anna has got a very sore finger, think it is a fellon it is likely to breake soon, she says she will write to you when her finger gets better hope it will soon. E.

Remsen May 19th/64.

Dear Sister

Mr. Sheldon brought your letter to me in the store yesterday but I was so busy that I did not read it immediately, and then father came into the store on his way home so after opening the letter and not seeing my name at the beginning I came to the conclusion that it was for the folks at home, so I sent it with father without reading it.

Ewen wants me to send the enclosed sample of

merino for you to match.
Get - 5/8 of a yard.

We have heard of the death of Edward T. Jones, Peter Williams and Griffith Williams (Cilbuth) The letter was from William Hughes (Ffynn) and stated that only seven of the Welsh boys of that company were left. (Umbust I suppose) We are yet to learn the certainty of the news. I fear it is too true.

In great haste from
your affectionate brother
Eddie.

Remsen, Dec. 9/64.

Dear Sister,

I am going to take the liberty to open a letter to you and enclose a few lines. I was home last Wednesday evening and read a letter from you. I examined the goods you sent home and think you can do better in our little town than that. I wish you could have examined our stock of dress goods before going to Utica. I think you could suit yourself here.

I will do the next best thing; in the morning I will cut off some samples and enclose them to you

Where is Ottie now! if she is there in Attica give my love to her and also to all the cousins &c who enquire for me. How is Cousin Mary and the children. I wish I could come to Attica soon. Perhaps I will. Father has been quite unwell this week but has rallied. John is working in the printing office. Frank is an interesting little fellow.

I have not tried beer yet and perhaps

will not, don't know yet, am not very particular. If I do not stay here I can find another place to stay I guess.

We are having pretty cool weather here. How is it there cool with the pretty. When are you coming home. William Jones from Auburn came up last night and went to our house and today Jennie took him to Robert Hughes this afternoon.

Love off Brother,

Eddie.

Turin, N. Y. June 1st 1866.

My Dear Sister

Cynthia and I have been highly favored this week, Wednesday eve we each recd one letter from home and Cynthia one from Holand Patent and last night she recd one. Cynthia has risen and came to read her letter from home which liberty I cannot myself of. It seems just as good to read her letters as if they were to me. You ask if I am not coming home I expect to pay you a visit in a little over three weeks. I am going to Utica the 26th (Tuesday) and will perhaps come home Saturday after

Cynthia and Fanny Roberts
(Miss Roberts's daughters) came down
here yesterday after school and
rode back on the milk wagon.
She feels more encouraged than
she did at first. Those letters
from home did her lots of
good.

William has gone to New York
and I am again left in charge
of the store, but I am not
alone. I expect he will bring
on a good stock especially of
dress goods.

I am anticipating a
fine time when I come home.
I am a little anxious to
see that new carriage. I hope
it will be pleasant then.
Have you had any more weather
like Calista? It has been very
cold here all Spring. We had one
week of June weather in April

and the Month of May has been very cold We had frost this morning and today has a little more like a Thaw

I have been all day writing this letter, and it is miserably written in penmanship and in composition but I guess I will let it go as it is. I hope next time I will do better. Much love to you all from

Brother

Eddie.

Please explain for me benefit how that motion of the Lion meeting in the Confederacy with Mrs. Williams signature came to be put in the Confederacy I had supposed the meeting was to be on the Hill. E.M.E.

Turin, Sept. 10, 1866.

Dear Friends at Home

I reached
Turin Friday eve. about 10 o'clock,
having a much easier ride in
the stage than I had in the
morning. My visit home although
short did me lots of good.
But I wish it could have longer,
but I was glad I did not stay
as we were quite busy at
times yesterday. This afternoon
after meeting I went up to see
Cynthia. She was very glad to
hear from home and had lots
of questions to ask about you
all especially about Hattie.
Cynthia is well and much

Over for this part.

obliged for that apple from N. H.
and present from little Edith.

We had a S. S. Concert this eve.
It was commenced by singing
"Gather them in" which sounded
well. Each class was called upon
twice, first as a class was called
upon each scholar, and then teacher recited
verse from the bible or of poetry
selected for the occasion, and after
this part was over, each class
was called upon two representative
readers to read something that had
been selected. This occupied
rather too much time and next
concert one from each class will
be call'd upon to read.

I must not write a long
letter this time as you are
busy getting ready for the meeting
and would not have time to
read much trash.

Mr. L. Williams preached in the welsh church this A.M. He is to preach next Sabbath in our Church in the P.M. Mr. P. is going east, to be gone three Sabbaths. Mr. W. Preaches very well. Who preached in Edgel Ucha to-day?

I have been boarding at Mr. Lyman's since I came back. Love to all at home from

E.W. Everett

Troy, Feb. 3 d. 1867.

Dear Sister ——

I wonder how you got home that morning! I have not heard that you did get home safe & am will write and inform me. for I have not heard from home more than once since I am visit! Well, I had a capital opportunity to catch up with my writing that morning, that is, for the college. - So accordingly I built up a good fire and went to work and got all thing by the time I usually get up. Early in the morning is a capital time to read or write and I wonder at myself that I do not improve it. I guess it is on account of the late hour retiring.

I wish you could have heard Mr. Parsons' Sermon it is P. M. His text was in 2 Cor. 11, 14 "For Satan himself is transformed into an angel

of Lijn. It was a little better and a little more practical than the generality of his sermons. I regret very much that he is going to leave Surin this Spring. I fear that we shall not be able to get another minister who will fill his place. But we should not think too much of these things. He is only a servant and we should not look so much to the servant as to the Master ——— I have just been to supper and have had the usual talk about the sermon which has not left me in a very pleasant mood to finish this letter & I hope you will excuse me if it is not very interesting.

We have had commenced the evening before mentioned but it has not terminated yet, but it has been raining more or less all day.

Mrs. Satthianadhan is very poorly

with brain fever & her recovery is considered very doubtful. Mrs. Foster also is very sick but has no fever. The case of this little girl creates a good deal of anxiety among the school girls of this vicinity. The little girl died so suddenly, & the case was attended with so little fever. We miss Mr. Foote very much & he is not at the Deaf & Dumb School as he is so efficient as a superintendent & could so much be of use to Mrs. Jenkins sent for Miss Haines Monthly yesterday & I have just been to see her & she gave me the paper to read. So I shall get the paper & read it to me. I can read this. I have purchased the 2nd vol of "The American Conflict" & not the Con, but yet I have not read it. Hope none of our folks are sick. With love, Eddie

4 A.M.

Tuesday, 7th [illegible]

Dear Mind,

obligements on le voleur
le droit. She receive le
steal — on the P. W.
Bonne Mme. or Sues.
She is a very pleasant
old lady and will be
good Company for us.
We had Confirmation
Ton last Evening and
elected H. C. Nelson W.C.J.
Wm. G. Riggs W.C.C. & S.C
We are prospering finely
Our degree lodge meets on
7th and 21st Each Month
in good standing.
I am very busy now
that the girls are
go as agents of the Post
Route so now I have
to send their mail

on the 10th. He will
probably return to Boston
Mass. I am looking
forward to your visit
with high expectations.
Some school children
call Mr. Parsons uncle,
sometimes in passing
a house — then 14 times.
Should he hear a few
of your back lectures,
Mr. Eben. Jones of Cincinnati
should then call Mr Elliot
[illegible]
all.

Love to all from
Edd Emmett

Turin N. Y. Nov, 3rd. 67.

Very Dear Sister and all
At-Home

I was
very glad to receive your
letter after two weeks silence
on both sides and I guess
more on my part. It had
really become a dread to me
to think of writing home
after neglecting you so long.
In a measure I can make
your plea for not writing, my
own i.e. press of business for
during the last two weeks I have
had more to do than was con-
venient for me to do. The new
goods ~~having~~ have been coming
in and I had all the mark-
ing and putting away to do,
which left no time for
correspondence. I promised

a letter, the last time I wrote so before mailing this I must gather up the fragments of that promise and write to her.

Anna I am glad that you and Sarah got home so comfortably and that the visit East had done you so much good. Hope you did not have to walk from Worcester to the Junction, or have your trunk burst open at Springfield. I will always remember that trip with pleasure. Were it not for those sharp corners and rough edges which at the time were unpleasant we should remember so much about it. But who can forget Worcester Junction and Worcester after our experience! Who can forget such a White Mountain Excursion!! Yours! Lois! Not S.

What a lovely fall we have had—indeed summer too. It has been a model season

(if the expression is allowable) I have been expecting for the last two weeks that each day was the last pleasant one of the series. But not until to-day has the weather taken a decidue turn. So-night it is cold and wet and dark and it is too near Election to expect more pleasant weather just now. We are to have a balloon ascension here next Thursday if it is fair weather or the first fair day thereafter. Mr Squires, the balloonist is from Prospect, Oneida Co, and has made over fifty ascensions.

You say you wish I could come home soon. I wish so too as I have lots to talk about. But I do not know how soon I can come. I wish it was not so far so I could come home once in a while to spend the Sabbath. I have not been to meeting today except S. School. It was raining to-night that we had

no meeting. I have given up the charge of the library and now have a class. Pray that I may be useful in this new enterprise for my class are only three as yet— boys of about fifteen.

I was very sorry to hear that brother Louis Calette is so poor, I wish I was out there with him. Hope he is well now. I will try to remember to enclose his letter in this to return.

I attended a wedding party last evening here in the place all but the wedding did not come off. But it probably will next week some to-morrow. The gentleman is from the west and the lady has been living west some time and has lately come home on a visit and to be married. Her fellow has come but they are not married yet as a good many suppose they would be last evening.

Love to you all from your brother E.

Please write soon.

Turin. Nov. 21, 1867.

My Dear Sister

Please pardon me for not answering your letter sooner. No Excuse but business. I thank you for writing to me as you did. your letter deserved a more prompt reply. Well, I do not know what to say. I am a little surprised but by no means disappointed. Trust in it all right. May God's blessing follow you.

I have no time to write you a letter to-night but only a note. Isaac Pritchard has been in the store this evening. He is helping his brother William move up near Martinsburg. We have a good Temperance Co. Convention in Lowville next Tuesday and Wednesday Hope I can go one day. We are very busy every day in the store

Mrs Williams handed me the enclosed last night and I promised to send it last night but forgot it. Please have it inserted in the Cen. in the proper place if possible this next number.

All well. Much love to all from your

Brother Eddie.

Sussex, N. J. Nov. 27th, 1867.

My Dear Sister

I have long intended to write you a letter, which intention I am now going to promulgate. It is seldom that I hear from home now and they have not mentioned about you but once. I am anxious to hear how you are prospering in your new project. Hope you are well and doing finely. When you receive this letter I hope you will sit down and answer it. It must be very delightfull in New York now. Wish I could be there with you. It would be so pleasant. To-morrow is Thanksgiving. The annual return of that day always reminds me of home and absent friends. May it remind me more of that best of friends — our bountiful Benefactor who has been so kind to us during the year — yes all our lifetime. I shall think of you to-morrow while this letter is on its way — hope you will think of me and pray for me.

For the last week it has been cloudy but we have not had much rain. The snow which for a week previous afforded quite good sleighing has all disappeared We are in need of rain and hope that winter will not set in until we have our usual fall rains. There was a Good Templars Convention at Lowville yesterday and to day I did not attend. Prof. E.W. Mason D.D.S. lectured here Monday eve. on his way to Lowville. We had a good meeting and initiated 15 after the lecture. Last evening the initiation at Lowville 69 after the evening meeting!

Married;

Last Sabbath, by Rev. J.H. Roberts, Mr. John C. Jones to Miss Louisa Allen. This took place in the M.E. Church after the services in the morning and your brother was present. That is about as near as I expect to come to being married for the present=near enough was'nt it?

There is a good deal of sickness about here=mostly fevers. I am blessed with good health. When do you expect to come home?

I feel guilty that I have not written to Cousin Thomas. He was so kind to me when I was in N. Y. and I have neglected to write so long — too bad! Well I will write to him in a few days. Where are you boarding. I will direct this to his care as that is the best I can do. What is Coz. doing now? I am still with R. W. & A. but do not know how long I shall remain here. My time is up in about a week. Will probably stay here this winter.

We expect the cars will soon be running to the Falls, regular. There has been one train up today. That is only three miles distant. They will not run any further this winter. Wm. R. Jones (son of Robt. R. Jones Bethel) is going to be depot master there. I am going home when the passenger trains run up to the Falls. Hope I have got through skating for this winter.

Have you heard Mr. Everett preach once if so how do you like him? if not go and hear him next Sabbath. I liked him very much. Edward Everett we had a pastor in our church.

Give my love to Cousins Thomas & Elizabeth and accept the same yourself from Your Brother Eddie

Turin, March 6th, 1864

My Dear Sister

Your letter bearing postmark of this inst is just received this P.M. This is the first mail we have had since last Saturday. Your letters generally come through the same day but this is unusual. We have about decided that we could live without the B.R.R.R, but it would be decidedly inconvenient.

Your letter was duly welcome as it had really a long time since I had heard a word from home and with four mails coming together I surely expected one letter. I have been feeling somewhat sad and lonely to-day as it is the anniversary of brother Henry's death.

sighing of him all day.
Last night I sat up with
the corpse of Mrs Warren Jones,
(perhaps you didn't know her)
and to-day attended the
funeral as one of the bearers.
I don't know when my mind
has wandered back over the
past as it has to-day. I
wish I could be at home
to-night. I wonder what
you are all doing. Perhaps
father has gone to prayer-
meeting, but I hope he
is home if it storms as
it does here. Yesterday was
the only pleasant day
we have had this week. Snow
is about four and a half
feet deep and some pitch-
holes are nearly as deep.
I send you letter studs same
as before and 2 sample pearl
s. buttons 15¢ pr. doz. I do not
know anything about the pattern

cents you say I lent you but of course I will keep it if you say you owe it to me. I remit the bal., 25 cents. Tell Sarah that if she get almost sick because I am neglected that I recomend a good dose of writing material, right by her. Let her get it. I hope she will try it. This remedy is equally as good for well as for sick persons. Try it. I should like to see that new dress of yours. I am quite interested in your affairs. Feel at liberty when you see fit to communicate to me, it is read with interest.

I am very sorry to learn that John is no better. I am afraid he is not applying himself much since he went back to Kansas. I must write to sister Elizabeth. I wish I could get you to write

letters for me.

They are having a Sociable at the S. S. Hall to-night. They have been having them at the houses and this is the first at the hall. The objit is to raise money to carpet the floor & it will be done soon. We have a Cabinet Organ.

We have nothing more that I could be pretty [illegible] now.

I think Bro. L can be said to have come in like a lion this year. May it go out as mild like a lamb.

I must bid you all good night as I am very sleepy. Write soon. Edith

Turin, 10 April 1868.

Dear Friends at Home

Perhaps you will look for me to-morrow as I mentioned something about it in my last, but owing to the fine sleighing we are having we are quite busy in the store and as I am the only clerk it is difficult for me to leave just now. Will try to come next week. Pierce and Clara were here to-day. They have gone back on the hill. Expect to return home to-morrow. Love to all.

In haste

E. W. Everett

Turin, May 29. 1868.

My Dear Sister

Your letter should have been answered sooner but I put you off thinking you would care so much if I only wrote to the other girls. It deserves a good letter in reply, but I fear that my attempt to might will prove almost a failure. I wish I could have another chat with you soon. But fear I cannot come home yet awhile. O! you ought to have been here yesterday, we had one of the finest balloon ascensions I ever witnessed. There were a great many people in town which of course kept us very busy. I did not go up to the

grounds when the balloon was inflated but saw it from the store. There was apparently but very little wind, so it went up very nearly straight for one or two hundred feet majestically and sailed off directly north. Mr. Squires who made the ascension is the one who made an ascension at Lowville last fall. The balloon went directly over the village of Lowville and he landed just out side of the corporation. making the trip of eleven miles in forty five minutes — not very fast for an airship but so nice and landing just where he ~~wanted to~~ wanted to.

We had a beautiful and refreshing rain this afternoon.

You write about the death of Jennie Griffiths. I do not remember her. I am ashamed to say that I have forgotten some of those with whom I used to be quite well acquainted but I think it is partially owing to the fact that there are so many of the same name. Am sorry to hear that Morris Griffiths and Griffith James are sick. But I hope they are both well ere this.

The centadvr came last eve. Guess our folks are smarter than they used to be. Is cousin Ettie Thomas? Give my love to her and tell her I am coming out to Chicago to see her sometime. I saw the account in the Cen. of the marriage of Hugh and Mary Ann

that when they get to Bethany
house I am coming down to
see them. When are you and
Cynthia coming up to see your
brother? Write me before
hand if you can so that I
may know when to expect
you. Hope you will come
soon while it is so pleasant.
We have finally engaged a
minister for four months.
He is a student and has one
year yet to attend school.
I hope he is the right
man to do us good.

I am expecting to hear of law
from home to know how you
all are. Tell Anna I will
try to write to her soon
Hope she still continues
to grow.

Yours with much Love
E. V. Everett.

Surat, 16th July 1868.

My Dear Sister,

I suppose you are "home again" and hope you are well and feeling refreshed after your visit - I hope you enjoyed your visit - as well as I did, but I think we Batts would have enjoyed it better if I had been at liberty, more to take you around! You know there are a good many places that one ought to call but did not - have Time. I really wish I could return your visit - and have a good visit with you all. I do miss improving any.

I ought to write her a letter. Will try to bear it in mind. Did you know that Mrs. Bash died during the night before you left? She was buried yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Last night we organized a Grant Club and are going to work for the campaign. Maj. J.M. Muscott is Pres. and I. V. Lewis Secy, another item of news — the toll gate just this side of Stoneville was burned last night. There was no one living in it — the family that lived in it had just moved out. And the family that were going to move in home decided not to. It was probably

set on fire by some one and no one seems to feel very bad as the plank road is miserable and the gate will probably never be rebuilt. The democrats lay it to the Grant Club, but we say it is a committee from the "Cu Clux Clan." The telegraph was attached to one corner of the building and of course the wire was melted, and communication cut off so that the Lima Fire Hose Co. could not be sent for.

We have got our front in all except the doors so I will have to work on the counter again to-night and will be up in the morning in time to mail the letter. Our visits are few

I can not find them
to night - I send them.

We had a temperance
lecture at our church this
evening but I did not go.
They say it was good, and
pretty well attended.

I am anxious to know
what you have from Ida, &c.
I trust it will be all right
but I hope you will worry
about it. Write soon and
tell me how you got home
and how you all do.

Love to all at home
from your brother
Eddie.

1865

3rd. morn

Dear Sister

I received your letter last night. There was just room for it in the cartridge. But do not worry so about coming home. We would like to have you with us at the Society but we don't want you to hurry carefully for anything else. Hope your Mary and Frannie (and our wish Celia) will come with you. Father says you had better get some woolen Socks. We hardly dare venture

send any this morn for fear you will not get this before you come. We are getting along pretty well. We washed with lye water yesterday. I take care of Annie nights & she is quite good. Get us 1 pound of pulverized white sugar. Something brewing for the 4th up to the big fair. Yesterday morning I wrote a note to Rev. E. L. Curtis making some inquiries relating to the most pressing needs of the wounded and also as to where it would be best to send the box. Last night

I received a reply, giving full directions as to where he thought was the best place to send, also containing other most interesting and valuable information. He advises at present to send to Fortress Monroe as that now is the best point from which to forward supplies and will be, he says, until Grant takes Richmond. I am glad you heard that letter and I hope you will not forget it all before you come home.

Eddie is shaving and must soon have this. Mary is walking down

and I must hurry to help her. I help with every day

Cy smiles

John W. Roberts has received his photographs which I mentioned about in the other letter, so you need not trouble yourself about it if you have not been there.

How are they selling calico in Utica now. We are selling for 2/ and 2/4, a nice time to buy a new calico dress.

Eddie.

Lennon Aug. 29th

Dear Sister Three & All,

I have but a few minutes to spare, but will improve them in writing you a few lines to assure you of my safe arrival here to-day. I reached New York Sat. morning found Coy. Thomas in the afternoon and he spent all his time with me until I started home last night. I had a very pleasant time in N. Y. Visited the Park, (Central) Barnum's, Greenwood, Coney Island and had a

bath in the sea. I did not enjoy my visit in Boston much as it rained all the time, I am going to Lynn to-night. I am feeling first-rate, and hope you all do the same. Kept much love. Write to me soon. I will leave this letter for somebody else to finish.

In great haste.
From your brother
Eddie.

Wed: Morn — We read Sarah's
letter last evening — Were very glad to
hear that Emma is getting along so
well — We are very busy with Com-
mencement week —
Love to you all — Your father —

Irwin, May 16, 1871.

Dear Sister:-

I have finally got the table started. Sent it to the depot today and it will be in Reuben at the same time as this letter.

I called at Wm. P. Williams' this afternoon and to my surprise found Clara and little Lyman there. He is a fine boy but not as heavy as Carroll. Have you seen him? Where is Uncle Nathaniel now? We were very glad to have even a short visit with him. Hope we shall see him again before he returns. Hugh Lewis is no better. I fear it will be some time before he will be well

enough to be in the store again. We are having a nice warm rain tonight. It is very much needed. We are all well. Hope Anna will make us a visit soon. They have got all through painting the house, and we are better prepared to entertain visitors than when you and Uncle were here. Love to all

Your affec bro.

Eddie.

Turin, July 15, 1871.

Dear Friends

We reached home all safe at six o'clock P.M. It may seem to you a good while to be on the road but I will explain. Our buggy was pretty well filled, you know, and we had the small satchel in front of us and there was nothing to prevent it sliding out. so when we were looking at it, the mischievous thing slid out, and we did not miss it until we were near Alder Creek. We went back about two miles and found it near Pewyprairie. No one having found the spot since we did, it was on the middle of the road.

We reached Boonville about one. Staid three hours and took dinner and rested nicely. When I got to the store I was a little alarmed to learn that our store had been entered by a burglar on Thursday night but happily he was frightened away without taking or disturbing any thing. It was through a mere accident that Mr. Emmons came to the store about twelve o'clock and as he entered the door he heard the noise of someone stepping on the floor in the rear of the store and at that moment his hair assumed a vertigal position and he immediately retreated, and closed the door But before he could obtain any help the chap got out the same way he entered.

which was through the
cellarway of the adjoining
store in front which was
very carelessly left exposed
and the cellars being connected
the thief gained egress to the
store through our trap door.
The next morning he was tracked
across the road both coming and
going with the same rubber
boots as were seen the morning
after Wm. White's boots were taken.
I think there must be an
organized band of burglars
about here or at least some
persons in our place who
are connected with such a
gang. We are taking precaution
that the above may not
be repeated.

We are all well
but rather tired. Will write

again sorry.

Love to all

at home.

Edalie

P.S. Did Lewis get all his hay in to day? Hope he had help enough to improve the good weather. I enclose a few samples and if any suit- return the sample &c.

E. W. C.

Turin. May 8. 1876.

Dear Lister

Your kind letter, with flow seeds for Mate from Anna, also the copy of those verses from Cynthia for which Mate is much obliged – I was going to say your letter was received Sat. eve. and I am going to answer it promptly this time. There is 9 yards more of that Blk. Cashmere. You can have just what you want of it as the rest will sell for sacks. Let me know at once so that I can bring it with me when I am on my way to New York. The potatoes are $2. per Bushel. so $1. s. worth would be ½ Bushel – that amount, if they are cut up and planted with 3 eyes in a hill will go a good ways. I will save the 40

Maple Sugar for you, and if you want the potatoes, they could be packed together. If this pleasant weather continues a few days potatoes ought to be put in the ground this week. The prospects are that there will be feed for cattle in a week. I am glad you have got a new horse. What are you going to do with Syl.?

I was very sorry to hear of Elias Jones & Hugh Jones' sickness. Hope Hugh's life may be spared.

I think of going to New York the last of this week or next Monday. Wm. P. Williams is going today. Trade seems to be backward this spring but we have sold $1200. worth more during March and April this year than during the same months last year. That looks encouraging for the Centennial year.

In regard to that money. We want to have the land surveyed before

any more papers are made out so as to be sure that the bounderies are all right and the ground is not dry enough for that yet; but I would like to get the money before I go to New York. If I should come home Thursday could you let me have it? A draft on N.Y. would be the best. If you could do this and had as leave do it as not I will stop off over night Thursday and go to N.Y. Friday morning. If you had rather wait until you get the papers do not be afraid to say so but I will see that you get them all right within a month. Please write me as soon as convenient and let me know.

It is mail time.

In haste.

E.W.E.

Tunis, Jan. 16. 1877.

Dear Brother + Sister,

You will probably be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me as you know I am not much of a hand to write but as I have a good excuse I will write a few lines although it is after 10 P. M. and I ought to be at home. I suppose our folks at home have written you that I made them a short visit. I was glad to find mother so comfortable after another of her sad accidents. It is remarkable that her general health is so good. She has the best of care and that accounts for her good health. It is fortunate that Mary was at home at the time of the accident and that she remains with mother.

I brought the enclosed letter from Cousin Mary Ann Roberts home with me to read and they have written me to send it to you. We are sorry to hear that William is no better there than at Remsen. This is a severe winter and perhaps that has something to do with it. Have you decided what you will do next summer? I suppose you hardly know what will be best. Tell Hattie that we saw Mr. Nibecker for just a few minuts at the close of a temperance lecture at Linn a few weeks ago. He was here all day but I was out of town when he called at the store and so failed to see him until just before he started home. We were very sorry that we did not

know of his being in town also that he did not call at the house as Nate was at home.

We have been having a series of revival meetings at the M. E. church for a number of weeks past and upwards of 125 have turned their faces heavenward and the churches have been revived. The meetings still continue. We hope that Abbie has met with a change of heart also many others of our friends.

We are all quite well. We are not having as much snow on the Black River R. R. as they do on the Central and many other roads but we think we have enough It rained for about an hour last night — the first rain we have for 5 weeks. This morning everything was coated with ice.

We would be very glad to hear from you and from Hattie and all. We send lots of love to you and shall expect to receive a letter soon. Carroll has got so he reads a good many words. Both of the boys are very fond of going to Sunday School. Charlie has a new way of asking for what he wants but he finds that it is generally sucessful. He says, Mama, I can't have any Apple, can I? or I can't have any cookie, can I? He always gets it.

I must close now and go home.

Your younger brother

Eddie.

Sunn. July 14/77.

Dear Sister + all

This afternoon when I was about to put up a bottle of Asthma Specific to my surprise I found none. When you wrote for it there was several bottles, but it is all sold and I am very sorry as I know William is expecting it tonight after the card I wrote this morning. I think he had better send to Dr. Kingsley for two or three bottles as needs to have it on hand whenever he is worse.

Mr. D. H. Robert + wife are

expecting to go to Remsen by
first train Monday to attend
the funeral of her father.

I suppose you are expecting
Jennie this evening. Wish
we could be there to meet
her. Is not Mary coming
with her? If Jennie comes
tonight cannot you make us
a visit next week and
stay until we go back with
you. I wish you could.

In great haste.

Yours truly

E. W. E.

Wednesday Morning.

There seems to have been a succession of blunders about this bottle of medicine, and most of the blame is with me. This letter was sent to Remsen with Mr. Lewis and I told him that probably you would send to Mr. Richards for the medicine and to leave the letter there. He forgot to leave it and returned it to me yesterday morning. The best way for you now is to send to Rome for the med. I have not been very well for two or three days but am some better this morning. I shall expect to hear from some of them now Jennie is

home. I hope she is
feeling much better after
her trip. Shall expect a
letter from her soon.

From brother
Edward.

Tenn Aug 11/77.

Dear Friends,

We had a fine ride home and found them all well and waiting to see us. Charlie slept most of the way. I send a package by mail to Carroll. I left my gold pen. and wish you would send the pen without the holder ~~without~~ by mail as I miss it every day. The steam boat L. R. Lyon was burned at Lyons Falls yesterday morn. with two lives lost. Hope Carroll will be a good boy and not trouble you. Tell him there are two little boys living in the same house as Bertie Hughes about the ages of 4 & 6.

E. W. E.

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

N. Y.

Syria, Aug. 13/77.

Dear Friends.

Charlie is so lonesome without Carroll that he can hardly wait for him to come. He has written two letters, one for Carroll and one for Aunt Anna and then had to read them over in this way. — "Carroll come home." "Aunt Anna come home, Please, Carroll come home. When he woke up yesterday he said "I wish I was in Prussia." I asked him what he would do if he was there. He said he would bring them all home with him, mentioning each one by name.

The rest of us are well. Mother Allen went home yesterday. Abbie is enjoying Fannie's visit very much, and so are we all. We shall expect Cousin Mary and Anna & Carrol before the end of this week. Wish Mother might come with them. If she should conclude to, you must be sure to let us know when to expect you. Accept love from us all.

Yours. E. W Everett

Turin, June 21. 1871.

Dear Sisters,

Mr. J. S. Jones paid me
$5. to-day the amount due on Cincinnati
Co. in bill. Should I send it by P.O.
order or wait until I see some
of you? Have you seen Elizabeth
Owens and exchanged that note?
Is it satisfactory with her? The
stove question stand yet. I do
not know how soon it will be
opened. I have had a cool, low
vacation. Note to ... this is a
small item in reading in this
trouble. She has had no help to
take up and shake carpets, put
them down again. Take down
the coal stove and lots of other
chores too numerous to mention.
The dining-room, but now that

kitchen have been cleaned and
the [illegible] on the linoleum
has been washed this week, and
I believe the house-cleaning
is done for this season. We have
been down to [illegible]'s sailing
[illegible], have you got the springbed
and if so how do they fit. Those
I sent are 48 inches wide. Remember
if you have a chance to tell me
what there are some of widths as
follows, 36 inch is single bed, 4 feet
50 inch 52 inch. but the 4 feet is
used mostly.

C. H. Davis & Co are clearing out
their stock of [illegible] and [illegible]
They are going out of business.
Carroll has but two weeks more
of school this term. Do you, and
Howard or Roy get this letter. Have
you heard anything more from
Hallsdale? I hope we shall have
a letter from you tonight.

[illegible] noon. — [illegible] me
[illegible] I send this [illegible]
as it is. I [illegible] from
[illegible] letter in case one
came in last night's mail.
We had a fine shower in the
[illegible]
today. We are all well and
all send love.

Love to you.

E. H. Ewell

Turin. March 1, 1879.

Dear Sisters,

Robbie wrote us last Monday that he was to be married wednesday and that they intended driving to Turin to spend a day or two with us but as it was so stormy we did not much expect them. Have heard nothing from them since. Did Owen come home? Robbie expected him. Has he completed his course? Have you done any thing with those accounts yet? Has Jennie sent you any blanks yet? I expect to be in Remsen Monday the 10th inst and will then plan the trip &c. Has Henry Parry, Port Leyden paid his bill? I want to collect those around

here and in Boonville before I start if I can. I have not heard from W. G. for two weeks. Have written them last— suppose they are both busy. We are all well. When I last wrote you I suggested that you make us a visit. Have not heard from you since The saying is that silence gives consent. You must come soon if you expect to find me here. We want to go to Louville next to have our likeness taken before I go. Love to you all from your brother.

Edward.

Lima. April 12. 1879.

Dear Sister,

Your letter was rec'd. last eve. It seems that you do not think as Anna does about postponing for a while my collecting trip. If it would not defer my trip but two months or so, and if you could manage the financial part without collecting first; I would think that it would be best to wait. As for myself it will make no difference as I can go now or I can have work here in the store for the present and go in June or July. I think that it is a poor time to collect in any of the states except this state and Ohio and perhaps Penn. but as for the western states

they have no money and they pay nothing at present, but if they should have good crops this summer it would be a favorable time to visit them in July or August, or later. I want to hear again from Anna before I start and I would like to hear also from you. I shall wait at least a few days now before starting. How long will it be before the cofiant can be ready for sale? What will the price be?

I send the bill for John Eddie's board and what I paid out for him. If correct please give me credit for the amount of the bill on rent. I have collected the $6.\frac{50}{100}$ balance from D. Thomas int. on mort. and will send you check the first of the week.

The snow is quite deep here yet. Very little maple sugar has been made yet.

Shall hope to hear again from you soon.

With love to you both.

Your brother

Eddie.

Turin, April 25. 1879.

Dear Sister.

It is a long time since I have heard a word from any of you, and when I wrote you last I thought I should see you before this. Have you heard any thing from Jennie lately? I had two cards from her about ten days ago saying she was perfectly willing for me to wait until the copiant was published and in both ~~letter~~ cards she promised to write me a letter again soon but it is a good while coming. Do you know how long it will be before the it is expected to have the copiant published? I wish I

could see you all. We have had a long winter and no visiting back and forth except what - John Eddie has done. We have missed him very much since he has left us. How does he enjoy farming? Does he intend to do any of plowing this spring? I was over in Greig yesterday. They have commenced plowing there and that accounts for the above mistake. The snow has disapeared remarkably fast - from our streets - this week. In many places it is dry ground. The sugar season appears to be nearly over. Carroll has been down to his uncle Jimmie's for over a week making sugar &c. He came home yesterday. His school commences next Monday. Can you get to the village with a wagon yet? I suppose

the snow is nearly gone there as well as here. How is William's health? Is Sarah pretty well. Do they intend to make butter or send milk to the factory this season? The prospect of getting a high price is not flattering for either. In fact there is no business in which the prospect is flattering just now. But we have got to make the best of the situation and trust in Providence.

We are all well and send love to you all. Tell J. S. to drop us a card with his autograph if nothing more.

Write soon to your brother Edward.

Sinn, April 28. 1879.

Dear Sister.

I received a card from you dated 15 April and another dated 16 April both promising a letter soon and I have been quite surprised in not getting a letter, — but today I received your letter of the 17th inst: it having been sent to the dead letter office for the want of a stamp. I suppose you have been equally surprised in not hearing from me but this letter, which came Via Washington explains matters. I was very sorry to hear of the sad accident which befell the lady at Mary's, and the final result.

Got speak of having the bompers fast sent to W. G. & C. If you could get it at Mary's without there being two rounds

expense in the type to N. G.
and from you rooms to the
electrotyper &c. I should think
it would be quite a saving. I
think I had better go to some of
the nearer places to see what
can be done in collecting. I want
to see Anna so as to talk with
her about the collecting and
about the Cofiant and I think
I will visit them now in a
few days and if Anna think
best I will go to some, at least
of the places in this state before
I return to Surin, and then
if thought best I can wait for
the Cofiant before going farther.
The snow is all gone from
our streets — it went in about
ten days without any rain.
The grass is beginning to look
green in places. It is surprising
how abruptly our winter has

terminated. Sleighing commenced with the great snow fall on Dec 23 last when we had a fall of about three feet in 24 hours, and we have had severe winter weather with good sleighing for nearly four months, but when winter loosened her grasp Spring has commenced in earnest. The roads are nearly settled. We are all well. Mate is busy cleaning house. Carroll commenced going to school again today. With much love to you both.

Your brother
Edward.

Rumsey, May 12, 1879.

Dear Sister,

I came to Rumsey last
Friday and am starting out this A.M.
on a trial trip collecting. I am going to
Otsego and Madison counties and possibly
to Marcellus Falls, Onondaga Co. I do not
know as it would be best to go to Middle
Granville &c. or not. but do not think
I will go there now. There is about $275.
in that section. Perhaps I can tell better
after going to the other places mentioned.
I ought to be ashamed of myself for
not answering your last letter. The
first of last week I had my garden
ploughed and had to carry off the usual
amount of stones and then planted some
potatoes and sowed some peas. I worked
hard to get this work done before coming
home and naturally gained a good or

rather fierce appetite and the
result was that I was very sick
that night and it has taken me
nearly a week to regain my strength
I have had a good visit with
the folks at home. I brought Charlie
with me and leave him here until
my return. Mother Allen is staying
with Mate and Carroll is at school.
Mate is making rag carpet and cleaning
house. Anna and Sarah are both better
than when I last saw them William
is having quite a poor spell. They have
had Griffith Jones run the mill with the
work. Eddie planted potatoes Saturday.
I do not think it advisable for
me to think of getting a place in
N. Y. to work at present. What would
I do with my family? I do not
lose my place in the store I am in
by being gone for two or three weeks now
and I do not know as I can do
better than to go back to work there

for the present. I cannot afford to lose much time just now without earning something. If you think of anything better I will be glad to have you suggest.

I hope I may get some names for the ~~Ecuador~~ Cofinit while on this trip but cannot expect to do very much without something to show. Have you decided to have it printed in N. Y. It seems to me that if you can stand it to set the type that you could manage it nicely if you had Anna there to read proof.

Write me at Remsen for a week or two as I cannot tell before I could get a letter on my trip.

With much love to you both

Your brother Edward.

Turin. July 7. 1879.

Dear Sisters,

I had written to Mr Griffiths and enclose you his reply which was received in company with your letter saturday evening. I would like to have you decide on type &c. and write me as soon as possible so that I can answer Mr Griffiths' if you wish me to do so. I do not see as the basis of his figures at this time differs materially from the other estimate only that they would of necessity be different on account of the difference in number of copies and having the paper furnished. I like the small pica on account of its being the newest and cleanest looking.

If you wish me to write
to him again I can then
ascertain about preface &c. but
as I understand it that is
printed after the book is body
of the book is printed as the
contents cannot be prepared
until the book is printed, and
the preface, title page contents &c.
are printed the last thing. I
will also ascertain about the
size of the paper. Perhaps you
will think best to go and see
Mr. Griffith but I do not think
that is necessary. I mentioned
in my letter to him that tinted
paper would be furnished and
asked whether it should be wet-
or not and he says not.
Has anything been done about
portrait? Do you know how
near the front of the book the

electrotype plate of short hand will come? That must be attended to soon.

Carroll must have had a fine time on the 4th with fire crackers, fireworks etc. I hope he is not making his aunties much trouble. Charlie is lonesome without him. We all witnessed the fireworks here in the evening They were very good. There was a horse killed on the street here that evening be too men driving fast and coming in collission so the end of the shaft struck the othe in his brest and entered the heart. Cause, intemperance

Charlie says we are going to Remsen this week but I do not see how it can be done. Guess we better not make any promises.

It is time for me to go to breakfast so I will close with love to you all. and especially to Carroll.

Your brother
Edward.

Lima, July 14, 1879.

Dear Sister

I enclose letter rec'd. from T. J. Griffiths Sat. Eve. It would be just as well for him to buy the paper if he buys just such paper as we should select. If you get any sample that you think is just right. Perhaps it would be well to write to him to send for samples. I will write to him to send me samples of tinted paper such as he thinks would be right. We are all well. I sent that copy of John's letter to Mary. Why don't Carroll write? In haste Eddie.

Turin July 15th 1877

Dear Sister Sarah Carroll & All

I thought as I had a little time before the mail went out I would drop you a line. Charlie wonders every day how J. E. & Carroll gets along with the haying. He does not say quite as much about going to Ransom as seems to be quite content here. Plays with Birtie every day. I wonder if Carroll is almost ready to come home? We want to see him very much indeed. He was inquiring for

him Sunday. I think
I did not put in only
one pair of every day
stockings Edward says
he will send him
a cheap pair as they
will be lighter than
his homemade knit.
Yesterday after washing
Franklin & I went out
back of him and picked
Raspberries enough for
tea they were nice. Bill
John E. that Clark Ramey
had a quarter of an acre
of strawberries ~~[illegible]~~ and
made $50.0 dollars isn't
that pretty well? How
did his hat fit and
does he wear it?
Last Wednesday I was
52 years old and E. &
Junior & Thursday
went to Knoxville had

a beautiful bouquet for my birthday present from Mrs. Davis in the room. Edward is quite well now has it a little easier just now. Mr. Lewis is getting better although this cough is very bad. It is now past eight and Charlie has just gotten up and I shall have to go and dress him hoping you can make out to read this as I have written in a great hurry. Charlie sends his love to all the writer Carroll & J.E.

With love to all

I am as ever your

brother & friend

Lorain, Oct. 4, 1879.

My Dear Sister,

Your letter came thursday eve but I did not have time to answer it yesterday morning. The reason you got two buckets is that I sent to Eams & Bridgman Constableville by postal to send you one and hearing in nearly a week that you had not rec'd. it. I bought one of one of the men traveling with pumps as I met him on the road thinking they had not sent the one I ordered. I wonder if you all enjoy this pleasant, grand, fall weather as much as we do. Yesterday Merle & Charlie went with me as I was going out on business. She spent the

afternoon at her cousins about three miles north of her mother's and returned about 8 o'clock P.M. The ride & visit did her lots of good and Charlie too. I cannot come home today but will try and visit you sometime next week. I am afraid you do not intend to visit us at all this fall as you have not mentioned it lately in your letters. Mate and all of us feel quite disapointed but hope you may come yet. The boys are delighted with the thought of having a bbl. of apples from Rensaw, and so are the older ones. We have not rec'd them yet.

Love to you
Eddie.

Tunis. Oct. 9. 1879.

Dear Sisters

Your letter has just been received. Mate is some better than when I wrote you the cond. She rested well the last two nights. She has not dressed her since or sit up since Monday. We have reason to hope she will now continue to improve. Her mother will stay with her until she is up again. We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Pugh. She will be greatly missed in the church as well as in her home, and indeed in a large circle of society.

I forgot to mention that we had received the bbl. of apples

She came Saturday. They were all very nice. Mate especially enjoys the apples & pears now she is sick. And we all enjoy them. I am glad you intend to visit us before you go into winter quarters as Mate would be quite disapointed not to see some of you again before winter. I hope Mate will be well enough soon so that I can visit you.

Hope Hattie will make us a visit on her return in Nov. I must close now as they will be waiting for me to breakfast. Love to you all. from your brother

Edward.

Turin. Oct. 16, 1879.

Dear Sisters,

Your letter and the engraving were received Tues. eve. also in the same mail we received a letter from Mary & Anna. I only had time yesterday morning to write a few words on a card. We think the engraving is very good. I should have liked it better if the back ground had been a little lighter. I return it by this mail. I am sorry the memoir is so large. It cannot be sold for $1. I fear. I suppose it will be difficult to exclude much of the remaining copy. When is mother's engraving

to be ready? I think it would be well to have 100 copies of father's engraving printed on paper.

Mate set up about half an hour yesterday afternoon. This is the first she has set up since a week ago last monday. She has been gaining slowly for the last four days. I think she will get along now without any more trouble if she is careful. The bbl. of apples has not come yet. Expect it will come today. How is Sarah's cough? When do you think you will make us a visit? I hope Mate will be so that I can visit you soon. With lots of love. Yours both

Eddie.

Dear Sister - I am sending 2 Bot: Med. to Wm this A.M. by Express. If he don't use but one I can bring the other back sometime. The Med. did not come in time to send it by those going to the meeting. I was waiting for a chance to send it. We are very sorry to hear that poor Cynthia is no better and suffering so much. If she could only talk it would be a comfort to her and to her friends. Mate & the children a spending a few days at her mothers. Abbie is keeping house for the. We are all well. Write often. to Your Brother E. W. E.

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Mrs. Wm R. Prichard

Remsen

N. Y.

I had it the baby came out with a mouth the morning. the lips and Edward Evans not had it Robbie grandpa any day Evans do know what I say do him I was sitting in the sitting room yesterday afternoon was fixing over his coat Grandpa went to him to bring me the scissors he brought them and then I said will you get me a stick of wood and then him him for he would mend it to climb for the fulcher and I can begin a stick of wood so and I am making his own pencil Eugene Mrs. Kirk has not been here to clean any yet stay for Eugene and take his clothes

get me two yards of chamb
like the sample for baby
a dress it washes good
and send it by mail
and will me the cost
of goods & sending I
am going to make some
nicknack for Lenning
The boys commenced
Monday to go to school
the have enjoy being out
every day we get two mail
days & then the next and
one old Sun two comme
two old Tuesday
so sel I think we will fish
Sun if the ice is safe Hal
When are you coming
home full blank has not
his cousin Ed. do you expect
I. some Mrs. Linn is sick
sick not expected I guess
will hope for all are

Lorne Aug. 21, 1874.

Dear Brother & Sister,

We have been looking for you this week, as you promised you would come out to see us as soon as haying was over, and we think you must be through by this time. I wrote to Mary to see if she could not come up to see us while she is home. Perhaps you could come up together, and if you do I should like very much to take you over to Brantingham Lake. We could have a delightful time. I am not very busy now and could have the time now better than after returning from New York.

The farmers about here are through haying and are now busy with harvesting. The grain crop and every other crop is very good this year.

We are all well excepting that Mate has had a tooth-ache all night.

Love to all Etc has come

From both

E. W. E

Plymouth, July 28, 1881.

Dear Lida.

I have just finished at Mrs. [illegible] - have been slow here owing to difficulty in getting a guide, but it has been quite satisfactory. There is a large social settlement and it is impossible to do much work except after 5 P.M. as most of the men are in the mines and do not come home to dinner. Of these on my list of dubbins for Wm. there are three who have moved away, three have died. But I have collected $11, and if the list and $12. more will be paid within three months. I have sold 25 copies. The men in these parts work three days every month and when I have a good week to go with one with known rate in order to get half with

I sell the book on sale or sometimes two months time, and have it to be paid in 10 Nine one to 20 each in. I have sold more than I expected and therefore am short of books. Have but 7 books with me now. Am going to Millersburg now where I expect to receive 50 books tonight or tomorrow from Utica. I shall go to Pennsville from there and thence to Danville before going to Providence. Will be at Danville the first of next week. I received a letter from Wade today, which was the first I had heard from him in two weeks. I suppose there are two of the letters awaiting me at Scranton. Write me at Danville & will send you a check for $8.66 which I received on the old debt. Please endorse it correctly, Jessie Swayne Executrix of the Estate &c. I called on the board to get it credited and they told me it was forfeited

good boat I could not get it. Cannot blame I did not have funds. I will try again sometime in writing. I was very glad to get your letter at Milkesboro written the 22. I do not intend to go to Pittsburgh on this trip.

I am anxious to hear how Sarah is getting along. Hope to hear that she is riding out regularly again, and that she expects to be ready when I return, to go to Fort Wayne. We are having beautiful weather. Have not had or needed an umbrella yet. I got me a thin coat and am getting [illegible]. I wrote the above at the depot at Pleasant while waiting for the train. Have just made arrangements at Milkesboro. I enclose a P.O. Order for $25.

I am quite well. I took dinner with Rev. Mr. Jarrett at Pleasant. Secretary could have a [illegible]

Centralia, Aug. 4. 1881.

Dear Sister,

I wrote you a card about a week ago to enquire about R.R. Tickets to the west during this time of Railroad war, requesting an answer to Danville. I did not receive any mail at Danville, and knowing that the low prices for fare cannot continue long I enclose herewith a P.O. Order for twenty dollars, and I will state my plan and want you to use your own good judgment in the matter. I see by the papers that some of the roads are selling tickets at regular price but with a rebate so as to make the real fare from N.Y. to Cincinnatti only $7. and from N.Y. to Chicago $7. and from N.Y. to St. Louis $10.75 &c but I have not

seen account of reduction to
any points west of St. Louis. I intend
to go home in about two weeks. and
thought by getting a ticket from W.S.
to Cin. I could go to the Vermont slate
quarries with the Coficant and thence
to W.S. and thence to ~~Ohio~~ Cin. Ohio.
And then I might use the other ticket
(if I got two) to go to St. Louis, Mo. &
visit the welsh settlements in Mo. and
in Kansas and visit John and my
other relatives in Kansas. I suppose
these tickets would be as good as any,
and good for one year. I want you to
buy me a ticket to Cincinnati O. $7.
and one to St. Louis, Mo. $10.75
The price may have changed a little,
up or down, but I want you to
use your own judgment and keep
the tickets at present. Get the St. Louis
ticket over the Central if you can
or over the Erie if you cannot on the

Central. Possibly you can let some one use it as far as Utica as I would not want to use it from W. S. The P.O. Order is on Station E. which I believe is your station. Please write me at Slatington or to Providence Will be at the former about the 9th and latter about the 12 or 13th. inst. I am doing quite well. Am on the second Hundred of the Coliant. Am quite well and enjoying my trip. I go to Shenandoah this P.M. thence to Mahanoy City. Have heard nothing from home for a week. Expect to hear when I get to Hazleton. tomorrow.

With much love from your brother

E. W. Everett.

P.S.— If the ticket only cost $7. and $10.75 = $17.75 you will have money left but the price may vary.

E.

Turin, Dec. 4. 1881.

Dear Sisters,

As Carroll and Charlie have written each a letter I will write a little to send with theirs. It is just 17 years today since I came to Turin to work. There have been a great many changes since then. Although I have not been as successful as I expected yet I have more things to be thankful for than to find fault or complain about.

The boys are very much pleased with the Youth's Companion. I hope they will make good use of them. They are now anticipating

a great deal of pleasure at Christmas tree. There are to be two here as usual, one at each church.

I am so glad you have got those blinds up. Hope you can keep the parlor warm and comfortable now in the coldest weather. What is the down comfortable you spoke of Jennie, on your card? How is it made. I have just bought a new matress for $4. for the bed in the sitting-room.

We are all well as usual and send love.

Edward.

Turin, Jan. 16. 1882.

Dear Sister.

I have sent the deed to Mr. Winston as requested. I had ascertained the amount of tax against the premises but had done nothing more. I have had too much to attend to at home to do that business.

I went to see Sarah last Wed. returning the same day. I found Sarah very low indeed. She seemed quite anxious to see you - not so much that she thought you could do anything for her. but that she wanted to see you. I received a card from Jennie last eve. saying the were looking for you, but I send this to N.Y. lest you may be delaied from coming. I wish we could see you

when you come. but suppose you would not feel like sparing the time. Do not know as it would be as well for Sarah to have us both there the same day. I fear Sarah will not last long she is so very weak and takes so little nourishment.

Viate is getting along quite well although she does not gain strength as fast as she wishes she could. She takes the entire care of the baby. We weighed little Robert Allen this eve. and found that he weighs 12¼ lbs. He is a healthy boy and is growing fat. The other boys are quite well and improving their time in school. We all send love.

Your brother.
Edward.

Troy, N. Y. Jan. 24, 1882

My Dear Sister,

We were quite disappointed in not receiving a word from home [illegible] tonight to know how our dear sister has been today but I know your time is limited as well as mine. It is after 12 P.M. and the rest of the family are in sweet rest but I must write you tonight as I do not have time in the morning except for a hasty card. Our girl is not coming back and we must look up another one. Carroll and I do what work is done about the house (except the care of little Richard) as Mate is not strong enough to do much out of her room. She was feeling quite [illegible] ing as the room got a little to cool during last night

our she is feeling better tonight. Her tooth has not troubled her much for a day or two. Do not know as it will answer to have it extracted while she is so weak. I enclose the check received for the John Evans note. I have made statements of the accounts as seems best to me but you need not use them unless you think they are better than the others. You will notice that I have omitted the words "Received Payment" as you will need to go before a notary public or a Justice of the Peace and make affidavit to the papers that the account (& note) is correct and not paid &c. I do not know but it will be necessary to make a copy of the endorsement also which are on the note but do not think it necessary. I enclose the note Jane received about Morgan Edwards and Maggie Nelson is his address

He did not send pay. I think you better send him a book and a bill for the same. I ought to go there in the spring. Is Mary still with you? I hope she is as it will be very hard for you to spare her, but I know it is very hard also for her to be away from her business so long. I fear this intense cold weather has had a bad effect on Sarah. It is very trying for those in health but what must it be for her! Hope you will succeed in keeping the room of an even temperature. Where does the bed stand now? What nourish=ment does she take now? How is her mouth? Does she talk less or more than when I saw her last? I wish very much I could be with you more but how can I? When we get a girl I will try to come down again. There is a great deal said about us here about the necessity of vaccination and I presume it will be made

compulsory in our village upon those who have not been vaccinated within a certain length of time. Our boys have never been vaccinated has Mary any vaccine with her that is all right?

I must close now and return and hope for a word from you tomorrow (Wednesday) and every night as we feel very anxious. With much love to you all and especially to Sarah from us all

Your brother,

Edward.

Junin Jan. 26th 1882

Dear Sister

Have just rec'd Jennies and Annais letter Carroll & Charlie went for the mail as Edward did not go back to the farm after tea. I have just got Edward in bed after soaking his feet and giving him a hot cup of tea he is sweating nicely now, he took some cold yesterday and day before he came home last night. Feeling chilly & said he thought he would feel all night in the morning. he was uneasy all night and restless

this morning. Jelli Bellin and went to the store he came home to dinner he might. Feeling chilly now he is sweating nicely in bed. Jimmie went in & ranch of a girl to day for us. We have got along nicely so far & have not run in the kitchen much till to day. We live mostly on oatmeal & milk & rice fried apples &c.
I would like very much to go to Romona & see Sarah and you all it seems a long time since I have seen any of you. Hope Em can go soon. and so & God bless him is this with you and also

John E. I think of you
often. The baby is very
good. I think we will
call him Robbie as I
thought. I spoke of.
The boys are a great
help. I sometimes think
Carroll does as well
as Robbie only he can't
wash. He did miss a
little for me the other
day, we have not taken
the baby up in the night
since since Caroline
went away. We are
very glad to hear from
you nearly every day
was glad that Mary could
come home for a short
time it must be a great

comfort to you all
with a great deal of
love to you all and
especily to Sarah the
dear child I will
bid you all good
night.

From sister Mate

Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Aug 25

Dear Sisters & All.

I am now on my way from Venadocia to Radnor, 7 mi north of Delaware. I have to wait here two hours to make connections. Venadocia is a right smart place to raise corn, wheat pork &c, and there a great many good people there, but from my observation I should say it is a better field for selling a "Cofiant Dr. Rowlands" "Rhodd Mair" &c than than for my business. I was aware of this before going but but found it more so than I expected I would not have been so anxious to go there but I wanted to see Mrs. Williams. Stephen formerly who owned 116. But when I found them he sold

that he had not received the Cer.
but for one year after coming from
Cincinatti & that he had paid in
advance for that year. Probably
some other Wm. Williams got it
from the P.O. So I did not make
any collections at V. & sold 15
of the memoir and 6 of Luke Jon
at 30 cts & collected $20. at Somers
that would not be paid without
going there for it. Have collected
enough so far to pay my fare.
I sent you a P.O. from Lima
for $50. the 21st. in a letter &
Mate. I also enclose a P.O. in
this for $30. & received a P.O.
from Mate dated the 18th., at V.
That is all the mail I got there
Write me next at Columbus
or Granville. Will be at Delaware
over Sabbath.

Please pay Rev. E. Davies $1.60
which I received from Evan Evans, Somers

for the Cen. for 1882. so that it may be acknowledged by him.

If you think best you might have the enclosed notice inserted on the second page of next. in cover. It may open the way for one in some places.

Ten hasta & with lots of love to Nate, the children & all.

Yours truth.
Edward

Thursday June 20 1918 at Home

Dear Victor

I have been sick with a cold & [illegible] trouble for a week & was in bed Saturday P.M. All Sunday and Monday but was up Tuesday until 6a time. Since then I have not been out, but was much better the P.M. and hope to get out to the store tomorrow. Have no excuse for your not hearing from me sooner. We read your little Sister's letter, saying you expected to come this week & hope I see you before the Sabbath. Mother dear will be very careful to not let the rest get cold. John Roberts is off on his wedding trip and Geo Allen drives stage nearly all of this week. We think you will find it very comfortable here when

you come. Carroll and Charlie are the only well ones we have now. Dale has had a cough for about three weeks. Her fever is about well. Baby is not having the whooping cough very hard, I, indeed he is having it at all. He coughs more nights than day times but is rather worrisome through the day. George is not staying here now. It has been quite stormy so far this week and we hope the rest of the week will not be so. Please inquire of Joe Roberts if there is a bus or truck there for me from Newburgh, Ohio and pay the freight.

We received a letter from John Eddie this morning containing the tintype of John and myself also a photo of Lola E & his father. I am thankful that former did not reach home before I did as it might have created some unrest about my health.

It seems to me that I am ought to be worth $75.00 or $80. He would make a good team hand and the lifting half would not hurt him for training. Will close to rest. Hoping to hear from you tonight. Stating when you are coming. Wish you were here as I could visit with you while I am sick. Hope to see you soon. Dear brother. Your brother Edward.

Turin, April 6, 1883.

Dear Sisters

Yours of the 28th ult. is still unanswered and it is time for us to have another letter from you but we cannot expect one until that one is answered. I have written to John Eddie answering his questions &c. I received a P.O. Order for $19.85 from Rev. R. Pierce, Long Creek in payment for books and I have paid your bill at W. P. Sims. $12.75 and the balance I hold in my hands expecting to get more to send with it to you Thos. R. Evans promises to pay the $80. in about a week and when it is paid I will send it to you.

When Mate got up yesterday morning she was all broken out with mock measals or Rasesla. The Missionary Meeting was appointed to be at our house yesterday but as the roads are impassable for horses there was no one there from out of the village and most of those who came did not stay as they were afraid they might catch it. Rev. Mr. Webber came out Wed. eve to attend the prayer meeting on foot and staid to attend the funeral of the father of Wm. R Jones who works for Mrs Caldwell Dawes, today. He came to the Miss. Meeting, but did not stay. No one staid to tea but Mrs Bowen and Mary Roberts. Mate is some better today. Last Monday when Mate was washing she missed Robbie and found him on his way up stairs on the fourth step. The next day after she had baked two tins of ginger bread and put them away on the shelf in the pantry she missed him again and this time found him with one little fist full of the cake out of each tin enjoying himself first rate, he is pretty well but worries a good deal cutting teeth.

They have to take the mail to the

Falls on a hand sled as the roads are so high and soft that a horse cannot travel them.

Last Tuesday was my birthday. It has been but a few short years since I was twenty. Ten years ahead from that standpoint seemed very long. But time sped on and I was thirty. The next ten years of my life is the sad part of my song. The greater part of our work have left us, and now I'm forty. Yes the youngest of us all is growing old. This busy life will soon be passed but this thought should not cause us fail rightly use our time as it passes.

I am glad you are enjoying yourselves so well and that you have plenty of oranges so cheap. I do not think it best for you to send us a box. I am afraid we could not use them before they would spoil. I did not see Rev. Mr. Morris of Bradford. I did not go there. He attended the Cymanfa al-

Charleston Liza Lee and went home before the meeting at Blossburg. I was at the latter and then went to Charleston so I did not see him. I would like very much to become aquainted with Cousin Robert. Perhaps I may at some future time. The sidewalks from the house to the store are nearly all bare. It seems good to see the snow disapear so quietly. We have had no rain but it is wasting at both & bottom this mild sunny weather. Mrs Lyman is some better. Mrs Carter is also some better but has been very low for a long time.

When I was at Long Creek, Iowa I saw a young lady about 18 years of age who had been sick and confined to her bed for about two years with spinal disease, much the same as sister Sarah. She had heard of Sarah's sickness and recovery and wanted to know if Dr. Strong is still living and if there is any help for her. I promised to write to you, Mary about her case and that you would know more about the treatment she had as you were with her. When I saw her, her face was bloated and she was very white or pale

Tiffin, June 13, 1883.

Dear Sisters.

I can handly realize you are so near as we have heard so little from you. We are having so much rain that I suppose the work does not progress rapidly in the garden. It gives the weeds a good chance to start. I would like very much to spend a few days there with you, but suppose I cannot at present. Wish you would come and make us a visit after you get the garden started. Now the fare on the R.R. is reduced it will not cost as much as it did. When do you look for John Eddie? We are in telephone communication with

Constableville. Boonville. Rome,
Honeville. Lowville Port-Leyden, Greig
&c and expect soon to be on
speaking terms with Remsen. The
office here is in the Post-office.
Did Mary move and get settled
before you left W. T.?

I suppose you miss Tom. I
see him pass nearly every day
with the meat cart. Do you
get good meat this summer?
Jane drove out here a week
ago last Friday and took Callie
back with her on Monday. I
suppose you have seen them
I did not know until then
that she had been having a
new wing put up in place
of the old back wing. Have you
been there yet?

Shall we send the trunk
to you by freight, and what
shall we put in it.

Does Mr. Richard make butter or send the milk to the factory?

It is nearly mail time so I must close this now. We are all well. Robbie is quite well and growing. I think he has changed a good deal since you saw him. He wants to be out all the while when it is pleasant. He walks out on the piazza back and forth alone. He likes to have some one lead him out on the side-walk in front of the house to meet me when I come home to meals. The mosquitos have been making free plunder of his cheeks and forehead. Hope we shall have a letter from you soon.

With much love,

Edward.

Ir. rin. June 30. 1883.

Dear Sisters

I have now received two full letters from Jennie and have only replied by postal cards but have intended to write you a letter sooner but something has hindered me so that I only had time to write a postal. We are always glad to get your letters and wish we might get have a visit with you soon. Hope we may in the course of the summer. We should all enjoy it very much. Mate and the boys made you such a long visit last summer that we we would not expect to make

you a long visit- this
summer. They will be glad
to spend a part of their vacation
there. Their school closed yesterday.
Carroll and Charlie passed in
all their studies in the examination
Carroll passed 100 in Geography
and Physical Geography and
stood high in his other studies.
They have gone down to their
uncle Jimmie's today; strawberrying
Berries are quite plenty. Abbie
and her children are down there
and also her mother. Giff. went
to New York and Philadelphia
monday and expects to return
tonight. Little Arthur has been
sick for three or four days —
he has a very sore mouth &
is billious. Charlie is well and
the other boys escaped without
taking the mumps. Robbie is

quite worrisom. I think his eye teeth are troubling him. He is quite flashy. He goes up stairs and out doors alone when allowed to do so.

Am glad you are to have a visit from Cousin Mary. Wish we might have a visit from her soon. Hope she & Fanny will visit us this summer. I must close now to get this in the mail and finish what I have to say in another letter.

With lots of love

E. W. E

P. S. — What is sister Mary's address now?

Turin, June 22/83.

Dear Sisters,

Your good letter was welcomed last-eve. I will write you a few lines this eve lest I fail to write tomorrow morning as I did this morn. Thank you for writing so much news. Charlie has had the mumps quite light. He is nearly well. The others have not come down yet. Abbie & her family are with us, also mother Allen, Griff. & Abbie, and Mate have been to hear Mrs Margaret-Jones lecture at Music Hall, and have just gone home. Am sorry you cannot go with us to L. Lake but perhaps it would be too tiresome for Anna to go with so many children. Perhaps there will be a chance to go again. Robbie is a great reader 6½ y. Love from E. W. E.

POSTAL CARD.

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Turin, July 25/83.

Dear Sisters,

What do you decide about going to B-ham? The past few days has been rather cool for such a place but it is some warmer this A.M. I think we will have some fine weather now. Mate and the children went under the hill yesterday morning to stay two or three days and pick Red raspberries &c. They are very plenty there. I am keeping house alone. The blackberry crop looks very promising. Hope you can all come up here to enjoy them in their season. Has W. Prichard finished haying? Is J. E. still at Fitzsimons? We want to see you all. Write often. Love from your brother E. W. E.

POSTAL CARD.

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U.S. POST ONE CENT

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Turin. July 27. 1883.

Dear Sister Jennie & all.

Your postal came to hand about 8 o'clock last eve. We are very glad Mary and Anna are coming to make us a visit, but do not want them to leave you behind and we will all enjoy the visit so much more if you come with them. Mate says, "write to have Jennie come too, we have plenty of room for them all to sleep and a plenty to eat and a plenty of berries." Mate and the children are still at her brother's. I have taken advantage of her absence and painted the kitchen floor. It looks much better and is most-

day. After closing the store last night I went down to tell them of your coming so they would be sure to come home today. They were intending to come this eve. They will stay and pick some more berries today so as to have some nice, fresh ones when you come. Jim. is nearly through haying - has been very busy this week and was glad to have Mary's help to milk. Hope John Eddie can visit us when he gets through haying.

The stage usually gets here at 8 or 8.30 P.M. so you will probably get here before dark. Now Jennie I hope you can arrange to come with them. And then we can all be together to make

our plans to go to Brantingha
if it is thought advisable.
We received a postal from
Emporia yesterday. They arrived
safely at home on Saturday
P.M. all well and not
much fatigued. They found
ripe peaches at Emporia.

With love to all

from your brother
Edward.

Turin, Aug. 11. 1883.

Dear Sister Anna & All

We received your letter last eve with the fancy cards. They are very fine. Hope Charlie will have such a good time that he wont be homesick any more. Mr Williams and Pierce are talking of driving out to Steuben next week and if they go Dwight and Irving will go with them. The M. E. Sabbatat School of Martinsburg have an Excursion to the Thousand islands today. Fare from Glendale & return $1.30 Several have gone from here. Will Holden & Carrie. Byron Litchfield

and Lillie. Ev. Prichard and Jennie and others. They drove to Glendale Started about 5-30 A.M. from here and take the regular train Mr. Conrad and family have gone with their team to visit friends near Rome.

The farmers about here are making good use of their time this fine weather to finish their haying. Many stacks are being made. The crop is very heavy.

Mr Cruikshank and family and some of their friends, making a large load report having a fine time at the Lake the day you went home.

We are all well. Robbie was up at about half past five this morning. He has got a new pair of shoes.

Hope we shall have a postal from the boys tonight.

Did they get their tooth brushes,
and do they use them?

Have they boys finished weeding
the garden? We get four eggs
every day now.

Love to all from your
brother

Edward.

Turin, Aug. 27, 1883.

Dear Sisters,

I engaged a basket of berries of P. Bidinger's brother to be sent to Remsen on this evenings train by Express at 7 o'clock per pt. He lives at the Falls and brings nice berries to Turin every day He took the basket. Do not know how many berries he will put in the basket. Let me know if they are nice. The boys left their tooth brush there. Please send them by mail. Did Carroll leave an old Coat? Nate & the three boys go to Jimmie's this A.M. The boys to pick hops. Robbie is not very well. Has the diarrhea left is some better. With love to all. E. W. E.

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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15

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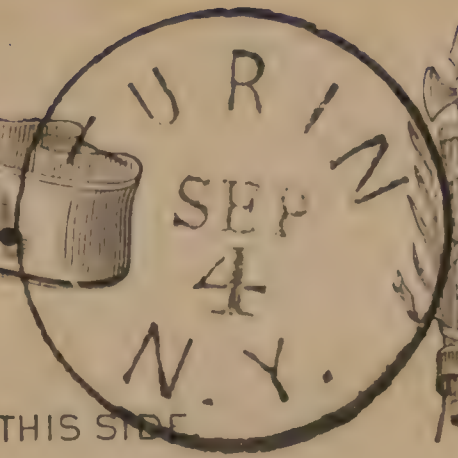
Turin Sept 4th 83

Dear Sisters – Your postal came last-eve. There were 21 qts. berries at 7 cts. Will engage more for you and let you know when to look for them. They continue to be very sick but the same price. We feared we should have a frost this A.M. but had none. Robbie has taken a little cold. The boys went to school yesterday but today they are picking hops for Seb. Carter back of the school house. Maggie came down to our church to meeting last Sunday. Her school closes some time next week. am sorry to hear that Mrs. Richard does not improve faster.

Your brother E.W.S.



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Miss Jennie Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Ivrin. Monday Oct 8/83.

Dear Sisters,

Anna's postal came sat-
urd. It seems you have not heard from
Jennie after she left us. Mrs. S. R. Evans
took her to call on Mrs. Williams Collins
last Thursday and from there took her
to Mrs Gould's and left her there.
Probably she will go home today if
she has not gone before this. We
were sorry to have her leave us
so soon — had hoped she would
stay with us until today. The
same afternoon that she left
Libbie Owens bethel came and
staid with us until the next
afternoon, when I took her to Mr.
Wm. R. Roberts on the hill.

Mate is quite busy getting
the children rigged up for cold
weather. She is washing today.

we are all pretty well.
We did not see Maggie as
she returned from the Institute
on Friday. Pierce & Clara went
for her. Mrs Nellie (Holden) Olmsted
and her little girl are visiting
at her mother's.

Hope we shall hear from
Jennie when she returns home

Hastily

E W E.

Jenin, Oct 24, 83,

Dear Sisters. Your postal came last eve. Were glad to hear from you after so long a time. I rode to Jenine last Monday morning at 90 State St. We are quite busy now with new goods. Mate is making new suits for Carroll & Charlie has finished the pants & vests and Chas. Coat. I bought the cloth last spring. Robbie is learning to talk. He is quite well. Wish you would make us a visit. This is a beautiful morning. Rev. D W. Aylesworth delivered a temperance lecture last Music Hall last eve. Banner Lodge attended in Uniform. I went too. Hall was crowded and lecture good. Had a postal from Hattie from Hinckley, Ohio inquiring where you were. she said she did not hear from you and feared you were sick.

POSTAL CARD.

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Miss A. L. Everett

Remsen

Box 15

N. Y.

Irvin, Nov. 2, 1883.

Dear Sister,

Your postal was very welcome but should have been more pleased to get a letter. Suppose you had a pleasant visit at Utica. So you concluded you would not risk your reputation for colleding by going to Plainfield. I fear John Eddie would not have time to do what needs to be done there by going Saturday or even by going Friday P. M. as Plainfield Center is about five miles over the hills from West Winfield, the nearest R. R. Station. He would have to take the Delaware, Lack. & Western R. R. to Cassville and take another road from there, and I

do not know how the trains connect there in going and in coming back. Mr. Pugh, who owes $14. lives about 1½ miles out one side from Plainfield, and Morris Williams lives about 4 miles the other way from Plainfield. The other man that owes the $18. lives at Plainfield center near Rev. Mr. H.R. Williams Mr. Rev. Williams has some of the Cofiant and it would be as well to bring them home. He would not be sure of finding these men at home and would not like to come away without seeing them, and ought at least to get their bank notes or money for the amounts due. I think you ought to go and at the same time visit Mr. Wm. L. Vincent who lives about a

mile north of West Winfield
Plainfield is the other direction.
You would also want to see the
memorial window.

We would to get a good
long letter from you. I am not
too busy to read all you write
just because I was that sworn.
Mabel has finished the boys suits
she made them all except that
we had the tailor make button-holes
on the coats and press the coats
She has also made a pair of
pants for Charlie from some old
ones of Carroll's and commenced
to make over a coat to match
for every day. She has nearly
finished cleaning house. Robbie
is having rather a hard time
with his stomach teeth. He
worries a good deal. The rest of

us are pretty well. Carroll got his name in the Gazette for being one of the five best speakers at school last week. I am glad to have him take such an interest in his studies. We have a little snow. Charlie is anxious to have snow come to stay. Children and older ones are so apt to wish for something that is not always best. Mr. William bought a silk Umbrella for you. I will send it to you when I have a chance. It cost $3.50 in N.Y. is 28 inches. Carroll left a coat there when he was there last summer, and if you have a good chance I wish you would send it, so that he can have it to wear Saturdays &c. Hope we shall hear from you tonight. Write often Let us know how you all are

Love from your brother Edward

Turin. Nov. 10, 1883.

Dear Sisters,

We have not had a letter from any of you in a long time and feel anxious to know how you are getting along. Does John Eddie come home every week? Hope Mary's arm is better and that we shall have a letter from her. Mary will you please send me a little Acon. Robbie's tooth has finally come through. He is learning to talk and play ride & coop with the boys. He is wearing those shoes Jennie bought for him. They are very comfortable for him.

Clara has just finished that white
Apron with the rick rack trimming
that Anna made for her. She is
going to make up that blue
merino dress that Jennie
bought for him next week.
The boys look quite well and
comfortable with their new
suits that their mother made
for them. She has nearly
finished another suit for
Charlie out of some old cloths
of mine for every day.

I have had the tin roof
repaired by soldering in places
where it leaked a little as
in the gutter and have
had the lead pipe repaired
that brings the soft water
down from the tank so
the water is now very

handy. We have not got our coal yet but do not expect to need it until about Dec. 1. The weather is so mild that we do not need much fire now. I was inspector of election last Tuesday for which I am to have $4.

We are all well and have plenty to do. Must close now, with much love to you all.

Your brother

Edward

Turin, Dec. 7, 1883.

Dear Sisters,

Jennie's good letter was duly received, and was followed by another good one from Anna, both of which should be answered separately besides some postals we have received from you but I will only attempt- one letter this time. Thank you for mentioning so much of the news. I had noticed the account of that grand wedding. I should judge that it was quite "toney." I received a letter from Sister Mary a day or two ago. She seems to be enjoying herself and speaks of re= =turning home before long.

You guessed the reason of our not writing often correctly. It is pure busy-ness. I don't know when I have had my time so fully occupied, and yet I do not know when we have enjoyed ourselves better than we have for the past six months. We are all quite well. Mate has done a prodigious amount of work this fall. She has got the children all nicely rigged for cold weather. She is now making Robbie a nice little coat out of an old coat of mine, with a kilt skirt. It will be very pretty and comfortable. She has got the house all cleaned except the dining room and she is going to clean that tomorrow. We have got 3 tons of coal and 3 cords of dry wood. Will put up the coal alone

tomorrow. We bought a spring pig, weighing 120 lbs. at 7 cts per lb. Got is of the same one that we got our pork last year.

Carroll is very much interested in his school which closes next friday. His teacher offers 2 prizes for the two best spellers. Carroll has been at the head 9 times and none of the rest have been at the head but 8 times. He now stands at the head so if he does not miss he will tally one more on monday and that is the last recitation in the term. The rest of the time will be devoted to examination So he is pretty sure of the first prize and Clinty Emmons expects to take the second prize. Charlie is also quite interested in his studies. The boys both attended a birthday

party at Lonie Lee's last Tuesday. Carroll and Cliuty and Dwight came down to school to attend the spelling class and then went back & by so doing Carroll spelled a word that all the rest of the class missed thereby going to the head just six scholars. This did not make him feel bad.

By virtue of being one of the honorable Board of Education Mr. & Mrs. E. have received an invitation to attend the wedding of Prof. Capron and Miss Alice Higby. on the 19th inst. I presume the rest of the Board and their wives will attend but do not yet know as your brother will attend or not.

Turin, Jan. 8, 1884.

Dear Sister,

You will think it very strange not getting any reply to your letter of the first inst. which you sent in the package with Clara, but we knew nothing about the package until late last eve. when Clara accidentally mentioned to me that she brought a package for us which was at Mr. Hillis's house. We sent for it this morning. I was out of patience to think you had left it so long without mentioning it to any of us. But child-fashion she didn't think or didn't care.

I have been in to see Edgar Jones and find that he has [illegible]'s medicine of two years ago, and

that he can make a suit on short notice. I enclose 2 small samples of cloth. A suit of either of the two pieces with a little white in the selvadge will cost him $19. and a suit from the other will cost $16., in either case the coat to be made by a tailor and pants & vest to be made by a good tailoress. These prices are $3. per suit less than his prices and either would make him a good suit. They are all wool and the two best pieces would make warm suits. The other is a little light. You did not mention what kind of a suit he wanted — whether a warm winter suit or one about like the one he got of Edgar before that — would do for summer or winter. I can get him a little

suit for $21. but these will be good and serviceable. Can you not decide and order the suit without waiting to see J. D. so as to have it made sooner if he is in a hurry for it. The cloth looks much better in the piece than in these small samples. Don't you think the boy has grown some in two years? Has he that suit on hand yet? and does it fit him? I think the man you refer to at West Net Plainfield is John Evans. He gave me a note for $18. the last time I was there payable at the bank at West Winfield and he paid it. There is a good deal of money still due for books that I sold and I must get at it & write to them. Will try & write to some of them this week.

I have just written to Mr. Pritchard asking him if he cannot pay a part of the principal, and the interest on the note, and said that I did not know as I could come to Stanton this winter and told him that he could do the business with Aron and pay to him what he could of the principal & interest soon. I think it is quite important that this estate be closed up soon and I will try to do so. Please give me the name of the Bank, (and of the Cashier if you know) where Sarah's money is deposited and I will write and have it transferred to this account

Wish I could have been there
to have a slice of that roast duck
but do not think I had room
for it after the sumptuous
repast we had at brothers James'
under the hill. The came for us and
brought us back and gave us all
two good square meals including
oysters and a long bill of fare
too numerous to mention.

I must write to brother John
We are very glad to hear of his
improved health. In answer to
his question you can say that
it is my intention to move
to Kansas this year but cannot
say just what month. Hope
he will be very careful to not
over tax his strength. It is
most 12 P. M. and I must
close this short. Let me
hear from you soon about the

sent of clothes. If none of these pieces suit and if you can describe what he wants I will endeavor to get what is wanted.

We all thank you very much for the present you sent. They are very nice Mate says her handkerchief is just what she needs. Robbie is as much pleased as any of us. Wish you could see him perform when I come home. Carroll is glad to get his coat.

With lots of love from each of us to you all.

Edward

tired of trying to read this pale pencil from no
good night-
We are
all well
and hope
dear
Will
soon
please
to
E.V.E.

probably discontinue
ning. Have had
very good meetings out there
cold and quite
the time,
We have been putting
the school house

Sprin. Jan. 21, 1884.

Dear Sisters.

The wedding which took place last week attracted a sufficient number to fill the stone church. Miss L. used to attend both churches but was more at home at the M.E.Ch. The nuptials have gone to New York, Washington &c on their wedding trip. Carroll and Charlie and mother Allen attended and I witnessed the procession from the store window. It was gingerly done, as they re=passed the store in just 8 minuts from the time the first passed. I think there were not many invited to the house except relatives. The house is small.

Neal and Byron were not at-
home. Miss L. will be missed
by the ladies who used to employ
her but we have some good
dress-makers left.

Jan. 23rd. — I commenced this
at the store intending to finish
it that eve after going home
but when I got to the house I
found that Robbie was just having
symptoms of croup. He was sick
all night and we did not
get much rest but he did
not have a severe attack. We
did not have a doctor. Last
night he was better but quite
restless. I got him into a good
sweat toward morning and when
he woke up we gave him a
good warm bath which did him
good. We hope he will rest well
tonight. When he coughed this

morning he said bow wow, meaning that his coughing sounded like a dog barking. He has been quite lively all day. I should have finished this letter sooner if it had not been for his sickness.

I have not written to brother John yet. I must take time to write. Am very glad to hear of his improved health.

We were glad to hear that cousin Thomas is improving. Do you understand that Mary is taking care of him?

Should think Rev. Mr. Hughes had a very good donation. Would have enjoyed being there. I have not been in that hall since I left Remsen, I think.

It will be very pleasant to have a visit from our little Bill

Jennie's letter with stamps came last eve. just as I had started. Robbie seems most well this (Thursday) morning. Will answer your last soon. E.W.E.

next summer. If he does come hope it will be so that we can visit you at the same time, but hope he can visit us too.

Has J. E. got him a suit yet? or does he think he will have a suit made here?

I attended the funeral of Mrs. David Evans today. She was a member of the M. E. ch. She lived about a mile north of here above Fowler's.

We are all pretty well except Robbie, and we think he will get along now without a serious time.

Hope you are all pretty well and that we shall hear from you this eve. We all send lots of love. Your brother E.W.E.

Irwin, Jan 30. 1884.

Dear Sisters,

We were very agreably surprised to see John Eddie last sat- It was the only safe way for him to come and be measured. His stay was so very short- that we could not- ask all the questions we wanted to but- made good use of the time he stayed. We were all very much pleased to get the sack of apples and enjoy them greatly. We all, Robbie & the rest of us want to thank so much for them, and hope you did not- cut- your own supply short by sending them.

I am sorry John Eddie forgot to take the umbrella, but it better be forgotten at our house than in the cars.

I hope his cloths will suit him. They will be warm and durable. They expect to finish them this week. I wore my new pants & vest Sunday and expect to get the coat today.

Carroll is thirteen years of age today. Almost a man. There is to be another funeral here today. A sister of Miss Cynthia Wordworth who was buried a week ago last Sabbath.

I must close now with lots of love

Your brother.

Edward

Let us hear often. Hope you will be home this one so as to get his cloths. What is his address at Utica?

You will be glad to see Mattie again.

Hope we may all be home before long to talk

L. W. S.

Iowa, Feby. 8, 1884.

Dear Sisters,

Jennie's letter came wed. eve. We are always glad to hear from you both or either of you, and especially when you think you have nothing of importance to write about for then you always relate a good many of the minor matters which are always of interest as much as the greater ones. We were startled today to learn of the very sudden death of our neighbor, Robert Rea. He was in his usual good health this morning. Yesterday he went to Lowville on business, and on returning stopped off at Glendale to attend to some business, and walked home from there (7 miles) He came up to the Post Office

usual about nine o'clock and while walking home about eleven A.M. he was taken sick but he succeded in getting home and Dr. Jones was immediately summonsed and he felt better for a little while but just before twelve he went into the bedroom and told his wife he did not think he could live. He threw himself across the foot of the bed and died just five minutes before twelve. His funeral will be on Tuesday. His brother died in the same way about ten years ago.

John Eddie's suit was sent to him by Express to Remsen this Noon. It was not ready to send to him earlier in the week so I thought best not to send it to Utica. Hope it will fit him and suit in every particular. It cost $19.

I should think that you do a good deal of snow-shoe walking. It is good exercise. Wish it was not so far to Lima so you could make us a call some pleasant day while you are on the train. Hope Anna will have a pleasant visit at Utica if she goes.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Prichard continues so poorly. Do they have anyone with them to help with the housework?

Are glad that John Williams has settled that matter about the farm. It is unpleasant to have any litigation of that kind in a neighborhood.

Carroll went home with Eby Williams tonight to stay one night and will return in time for the child-ens meeting that Rev. Mr. Webber has

We are well & well & have all enjoyed the trains and have got on track just fine of soft fruit. It had not had rain for 2 1/2 months & bro. Pitts 7 1/2 Bu Potatoes this a.m. at 40 cts. bu. We had had them on from here & Ithaca. We have had

at 2-30 P.M. tomorrow at Mr. W. P. Williams' house, and Sky will come with him to the meeting. Mr. W. has these meetings every two weeks and stays here Sat night - preaching at our ch. at the usual hour and at Martinsburg in the eve. We, the Pres. society are to have a sociable - the first of the season at Alfred Williams next Tuesday eve. We are to have the second stone put up in the church tomorrow (a coal stove) in the front aisle near the north window in front of the rostrum. The parsonage fund is progressing nicely Ferris Newman signed $100. today. Ellis Fort has signed $50. He is not a member

Irwin, March 11, 1884.

Dear Sisters,

Jennie's and Mary's letters just received. I feel guilty for not writing to you oftener, but other duties have been crowding me. Am very sorry that Anna is so poorly but trust she has passed the worst of it and that she will continue to improve. Wish we all might call in and see you and that you might see our new treasure. He is as good and healthy as he can be, and seems to grow every day. He is three weeks old to-day. We think he looks more like Anna than any one else. Robbie is learning to

talk every day. He is learning to make sentences. We have taken the rockers off from the crib and he sleeps in that by the side of our bed. He gets into it when the time comes for him to retire and goes to sleep like a good boy. Sunday nights when I am at home he must be rocked but other nights he goes to sleep without being rocked.

They have got nearly enough signed to buy a parsonage, and the committee appointed at the annual meeting to look at the several homes for sale have been around to look at the different ones and it seems to stand between Bill White's house and ours. The location of ours is the best and the house is newer and in better

house but Bill White's house has a barn and he has offered it for $2000. with a promise to sign $200. on the subscription paper, which is equivalent to offering it for $1800. in reality, only that according to the terms of the legacy the house must be worth $2000. I have offered ours for $2000. and promised to sign something but have not done so yet. I told the com. that I would sign more if they bought our home than I would otherwise There is a meeting of the church and society called for next Monday to hear the report of the committee Bill White has been home for about a month but went away this A.M. I shall do my best to sell. I do not have as much chance to talk with the people as

I would if Mr. N. was well, but shall endeavor to attend the meeting.

My head is better but not quite right yet. Thank Mary for the suggestion about Bro. & Sulphur I will try them. I think Jennie's ~~too~~ remedy too will do me good. Mr. Williams is improving slowly but does not get out yet.

Mrs. Jerome House has the typhoid fever. Dr. Bronson of Lowell attends her. There is not much sickness about here Nate is getting along nicely.

Love to all. We shall hope to hear soon from you to know how Anna is.

Your brother

Edward.

Ivrin, March 15, 1884.

Dear Sisters,

Jane came last-eve. but I have not seen her yet. Mr. Williams is some better this morning. The Dr. saw him yesterday P.M. and says he thinks the fever is broken up. He is quite weak but hope he will soon be better and out, attending to business.

Mrs. Jerome House died this A.M. of Typhoid fever. She has but one sister living The rest of a large family all died of consumption, and she was very frail.

Robbie took some cold thursday and was croupy that night. I was up a good part of the night with him, but last night I put a wet compress on his chest & throat and kept him well covered up all night and he slept nicely without coughing and we think he is much better this morn. My head is most over aching. The rest of us are all pretty well.

The church meeting to see about buying parsonage has been changed to one week from next Monday. Hope we shall hear from you tonight. I shall see Jane soon. Love to all

E M E

Irwin. March 18. 1884.

Dear Sisters,

I had a short visit with Jane and Callie last eve about mail time. She was intending to sit up with W.P. last night so she came up to do a little trading and get a little change of air. While in the store the mail came and she got a letter from Maggie which said that Aunt Anna was better. I hope we shall hear more direct tonight. William is better than when Jane came but does not seem to gain

much from one day to another. He is quite weak and does not sit up much — about half an hour in a day. Have not heard from him this morning.

Our folks are all pretty well. Yesterday mother Allen went to the funeral of Mrs. Jerome House and left Mate alone with the two babies so you see she is pretty busy. The baby is four months old today. Yesterday I got a new pair of shoes for Robbie. and it was amusing to see how much he thought of them, he would run from one room to another with them on his feet and occasionally fall flat

on the floor and then laugh instead of cry, and when he got into his crib for the night he must have the shoes right by his head. He has worn the shoes that Jennie bought for him until now. They have done him good service. We have not found a name good enough for baby yet but he seems to get along nicely, yes and grow fat without any name but "baby".

We have had beautiful weather for a few days except that it snowed a little yesterday. There is fine crust this morning. Guess the sap will run good today. Think a good

many will take today.

I wish Anna was well enough to ride out these pleasant days. Hope she will be soon. We hope for a visit from her and the rest of you ere long.

With lots of love from each one of us to you three.

from

Your brother

Edward.

Lorin April 26, 1884.

Dear Sisters

I think I must postpone my visit for the present. There are two reasons. One is that Mr. Williams intends to start for New York next monday morning. So that I should not have much time if I did come. Another is that Mr. Lickner and Mr. Silvernail are each thinking of buying a house here and I have had a talk with both of them to come and look at our house. I want to be here when they come. Mr. Lickner was here yesterday but he did not look at the house. Think possibly he will

bring his wife and look at it today.

We were glad to get the frontal last one. Shall look for another this one.

We are all well. Hope it will not be long before I can visit you.

In haste & with love.

Edward.

Turin. April 30, 1884.

Dear Sisters.

We have had rather a cold time for two or three days. Hope the last three days of April are not a true index of the weather for May. When the weather becomes warmer and settled I am in hopes Anna can get out, and then I hope she will gain faster.

Robbie is cutting his second upper double teeth and it makes him about sick. We noticed yesterday that one of them was just peeping through. He has some cold also. He was quite feverish the fore part of the night but rested pretty well after three

o'clock. Mate and the baby also have some cold. The rest of us are well.

Horace Ragan is to deliver two of his lectures here next week Thursday and Friday. I wish some of you could be here to enjoy them. Cannot Jennie come and finish out her visit? He is a lecturer of a good deal of notoriety. His engagement with the Lyceum Bureau has just closed and as this was his old home and native place he has consented to come here and give us the benefit of two of his best lectures at a very low price. I think you will all remember him!

I wish John Eddie might be here to take in these lectures. We would be very glad to have him come and make us a visit during his vacation.
We missed hearing from you last- eve.
We hope when it is warm that Mary and Anna will can visit us. Trust- that Anna will be strong enough to come sometime in June.

Love from
Edward.

Turin, May 6, 1884

Dear Sisters,

We both enjoyed the ride home very much. Robbie kept awake all the way. He was pleased to get home and told them about his trip. We found them all well except that baby has some cold yet. Mate and the boys were very much pleased with the apples and other things. Mate was very glad to get that blanket and the can of apples.

I hope that Anna had a good rest last night and that she will get rested out

from the effects of our visit. Am very sorry that Robbie was so worrisom while we were there. He rested well last night and seems fully bright this morning.

Maggie called at our house Saturday before going on the hill. She did not go on the hill until Sunday. Mr. W. has received none of the new goods as yet. He was quite busy however on Saturday afternoon and also all day yesterday. He did not get a chance to get his dinner until supper time.

It is cloudy with a little mist of rain this A.M. A fine time for vegetation.

We are looking for new goods today.

Shall I hope to hear from you tonight.

With much love from us all

Edward.

Irwin, May 7, 1884

My Dear Sisters,

We were glad to get Mary's letter last evening. I hope that Anna will be easier after the vomiting, although that will always weaken. We must hope for the best, and after having done what we can for her let us leave the rest with God. He will not fail, nor forsake those who trust in Him.

Yesterday afternoon Jennie came up for Dr. Jones for his youngest boy, Clintie. He

has been sick with some bowel difficulty since last friday, and he felt quite anxious about him. Mother Allen went home with him. I saw the Dr. after he had been there and he said that he did not consider him dangerously sick. and I heard in the evening that he was more comfotable. Robbie is about the same as when I was there and baby has a cold yet. It is rather hard for Mate to get along alone but we hope that Mother Allen will be back in a day or two.

I forgot to take the measure of that bed. If John Eddie will measure the

width inside the side rails and let me know I will send a spring bed to fit.

The measles are becoming quite general, having spread to about 8 or 10 families Mrs. Emmi's little girl. Mrs. Lewis two children. Mr. Frost's children, Mr. Suttle's girl Mr. Gillett's boy and others. We feel quite anxious about our group but if it comes will do the best we can. Mate has never had it.

We were quite busy yesterday with new goods. The umbrella has not come yet. The lectures are tonight and tomorrow night.

We hope you will write as often as possible so that

we may know how Anna is, and how you all are Hope the rest of you will not get sick. I wish it was so that I could be with you to help you. It will be very difficult for you to span John Eddie if Anna is no better.

We had our garden plowed yesterday. This is a right smart rainy morning — good to make may flowers grow.

With much love from

Edward.

Turin, May 19. 1884.

Dear Sisters.

Jennie's letter was welcomed sat. eve. It is very convenient that John Eddie can be at home over sunday, that you may have his company and also that you may have his help. Wish it was so that I could come oftener, but do not think it would be well for Anna to have me come very often and bring Robbie with me if he should be so worrisome as he was the last time. He feels quite well however now and guess he would enjoy a visit with

you now much better than
he did then.

Yesterday Mr. Webber ex=
-changed with the baptist-
minister of Constableville
who happens to be a young
welshman not long in this
country. The baptist people
(english) of constableville were
without a pastor and wrote
to Rev. Mr. Jones (baptist) of
Remsen inquiring who they
could get for a supply and
this young man had just
come to him in search of
a church but he had never
preached in english. Mr. Jones
at once sent him to C— ville
and they liked him so well
that they have retained him.
Our people were quite well

pleased with him yesterday. His text was Isa. 40:8 But the word of the Lord shall stand for ever. The baptist people have bought the welsh church here and have put a new roof on it and are otherwise repairing it and soon they expect to have regular services here. Mr. Jones will supply here and at Constableville.

Yesterday was a beautiful day. The second day without rain during this month. The other day without rain was the sunday I was with you, I think. The maple leaves opened quite a little yesterday. Sug Hill looks beautiful it will soon be in its glory. I notice that the woodman has been defacing its brow

somewhat since last Spring.
How differently that grand
old hill must have looked
from this stand-point fifty or
sixty years ago before it
was shorne of its former beauty
Its beauty is not all gone
yet by any means but it
has been so changed. There
has been a marked change
within the last eighteen years.
It is now too late for
the mail but this letter
will keep until tomorrow
morning. Carroll and Charlie
each got a pair of new shoes
last. eve. Carroll had enough
money to buy his own shoes

Sturgis, July 10, 1884.

Dear Sisters.

I intended to have time to write a letter to send with Carroll's but have only time to pen a few lines. I expect Carroll will go out for a few days to work in haying when the weather is settled. We can not spare both of them at the same time or Charlie would go too. Charlie has just brought Robbie up to the store for a walk. The painters are putting the second coat of paint on the house. It will look very much better. This is a beautiful morning. Do you

ride out much this summer? We are all well. Mother Allen is with us this week. How does J. E succeed in canvasing? Has he seen L. Davis Plainfield yet? Rev. H.R. Williams was here last week. I asked him about Davis and he thought it very strange that he does not pay. He thought I had better write him again.

In haste & with love.

Edward.

Ionia, Aug. 30. 1884.

Dear Sisters,

We have heard nothing more about aunt Betsey after you sent the copy of cousin Robert's letter and feel anxious to know if you have heard any thing since! Hope there is an improvement.

There came near being a serious accident at the lake on Wednesday last. Mr. E. W. Thompson's people and some friends (15 in all) were camping at the Dominick house, and that day Willie Thompson age about 14 and one of the Casler boys took their guns and went out

in a small boat, and were expecting to find some game along the shore, but when they were about the middle of the lake Willie took up his gun for some purpose and it accidentally discharged through the bottom of the boat, shattering the light boat so that it soon sank with them. Willie's sister Nellie and Mary Woolworth were in another boat not far off and heard the boy's alarm but before they could render any assistance, the boys sank twice and not until Mr. Thompson could get them from the house and Mr. Casler with the sail boat did they get them up out of the water. Tony Casler is a good swimmer

but in this emergency it seems that he would have perished had it not been for the timely assistance of the young ladies.

The boys have earned £4.85 thus picking hops. They have gone to pick this morning. Then school opens monday but I suppose they will want to finish picking at Mr. Moseley's yard just back of the school house.

What have you decided about J. E.: Where will he attend college? I suppose he has decided by this time. What do they hear from Owen? Is he expected last this month. I just received a letter from Griffith last eve. He is anxious to have us come and thinks it

lines was sold this week for $600.
Robbie's bonds are not just right yet. This food does my digestion I think terrible. Herman is what he needs but I have come. Will you please send some down when you write. Baby has one tooth and is as good as ever. Love from all.

W. W. S.

would be more to my advantage to stay right there in Emporia for the present and work with them as he wants to have more liberty to be away from the plan. He says that his house that he built to rent when I was there or rather the fall that I was there is to be vacated about Sept. 1. and wants to know if there is a probability of our coming out this fall. It is next house to where they live. I cannot see any immediate chance to sell. Cheaper homes seem to sell here for about full value. The house where A. Clow

Turin, Aug. 22, 1884.

Dear Sisters.

Carroll got home in good spirits and said his visit at Remsen was entirely too short. He enjoyed himself very much indeed there. There was no room for him to ride up from the Falls in the stage but he got a free ride with Mr. Clover. He went the next ~~morning~~ afternoon to his uncle Jim's to pick hops, and Charlie went yesterday morning. Charlie had got pretty well before going and promised to be careful what he eats. We have not heard from them yet. Robbie is not well yet, but is much better. He

has lost a good deal of flesh. This warm weather has affected us all more or less.

Mrs. Anson Lee came to see the house yesterday. I had been to see her last Tuesday and she talk quite favorable. She liked the house much better than she expected. Now the question seems to be about disposing of that 100 acres of land. Perhaps we can bring it about.

We are glad to hear such cheering reports from Anna. Carroll says she is a great deal better than she was.

We had a grand good rain the first of this week, the day that you saw shows up this way. It rained hard for an hour but it did not rain any a mile ~~more~~

South or two miles east
or two miles west of here.
There was quite a wind
at first.

Hope we shall hear
from you often. Remember
you have not Carroll
to write every day now.

Your brother.
Edward.

Turin, Sept. 6, 1884.

Dear Sisters, — Hope you will be careful not to get too tired during the Cymanfa. We want you to make us a visit before cold weather. It looks as though we must stay here through the winter. Robbie is better today. Rested very well last night. He coughs some yet but feels pretty well. Do not think I can get any berries for you. It is pretty late for them. Love to all, In Haste

E. W. E.

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Turin, Sept. 26, 1884.

Dear Sisters Anna & Jennie,

Anna's letter of the 24th came this morning post=marked Utica so we conclude Mary took it with her to Utica and mailed it from there. I think we have all been quite remiss in writing of late. I trust that the acknowledge=ment of this fault will lead to reform. Summer has passed so swiftly that I did not realize that the time for Mary to leave you had arrived. I am very sorry we could not have visited you while you were all together. There are so many things that we would like to do and so few of them that we can and do accomplish that our life

~~seems~~ to be well sprinkled
with its disapointments.
We are preparing to spend
another winter in Turin. Do not
see how we can do otherwise.
I have engaged 8 Bush Tallman
Sweet Apples and will also have
other varieties. Common fruit can
be had for 30 cts per bush. and grafts
for 50 cts. I have also engaged
wood for winter, and will write
for coal tomorrow.

I was very sorry the lamps
did not arrive in time for the
occasion. The cost of the two lamps
was $8.25 which I will pay
and we can settle when I see you.

You will miss Mary's company
very much. Am glad you
have Lonza and little Frankie
for company. Was sorry to hear
of Mr. Richard's sickness. Mr.

Dr. W. Robert told me of calling on him two a while he was at Renzen. Hope he is much better we this.

Our little family are all in fine good health at present. The little ones have got quite of their colds. Robbie is very fond of his first pair of pants. His mother has bought him Rea Cornish's ~~old~~ tricycle for $1.00 which amuses him much of the time. Wish happened at the store on the day that baby was seven months old and I weighed him. He weighed 25 lbs. Robbie weighed 35 lbs. the same day. Baby has two teeth and the most on troubling him a good deal which renders him rather nervous. All boys are going to finish digging

potatoes today.

How often does J. E. come home? I got a short letter from him the other day.

I must close this now, as it is about mail time. I commenced this last one but would the last half this morning. (Saturday)

Give my love to Cousin Mary if she is there and accept lots for yourselves

Your brother,
Edward.

Turin April 16 85.

Dear Sister.

You will observe by the inclosed, that Charlie is out of bed. He went out for a little walk this morning. He is feeling very well and appetite is A. 1. 10. 1. He helps wait on Carroll and (illegible). We find it much harder to take care of Robbie than it was to take care of Charlie. I had to hold him in bed by main force last night and part of the time it was like trying to keep a blanket on a hay-tedder in motion. He weighs 40 lbs. and

kicks lustily. He is doing as well as we could wish. The rash is out nicely. I don't know what to think of Carroll. He has had the symptoms for over a week & the rash but not offsan. is shows no signs of measels but is not feeling well. Something troubles him. He has had diarhea for three or four days. Male has it pretty hard but I stay home part of the time to help her. She is feeling pretty well.

I think you better come out of that crowded city into the country as soon as possible and give your poetical talent more room. Send us some more same as the last. I mean poetry not Puls. We were very glad to get the Puls. Write often.

Your brother

E. W. E.

Sirin. Sept. ~~9~~ 10. 1885.

Dear Sisters,

Have just received the seed and letters with it. I was glad to get Jennie's short letter and also Mary's Wish I might call in this morning to see you. I had 15 qts of berries sent to you from Port Leyden by Exp. last eve. Cost 6 cts pr qt. Return basket to E. Williams Port Leyden by Exp. free of charge. Hope you will find them good.

Tuesday I called on Spencer, Strong, & Mrs. Shepard. Had some encouragement from Strong, but yesterday he sent word that he

did not want it. I shall continue to make every effort to sell and trust Providence that all will be right.

I have received draft for $150. from G.P.J. so in case we do not sell will have money to move. He is in Chicago now Brought a car load of cattle there to sell and bought goods for the store. We hope to get started there in trade about Oct. 1.

We have begun to pack and have sold over $33. of our goods Do not think we will need to have a public sale. We are all well. Hope to hear from you every day. We feel very anxious to know how you all get along without J. Eddie.

Mrs. Horne and "Bob." leaves us tomorrow

Will send you 1 set 4 ft. bed springs and the mesh aloud but will not send the 3 ft. springs unless you say you want them as I did not understand that you wished me to send them Let me know tonight if they are wanted. I will not ship these things to you until the last of this week.. Must close now. We all send lots of love to each one,

Your brother.
Edward.

Emporia Kans Sept 26. 1875

My Dear Charlie,

It is now about 6 oclock P.M. and I am waiting and the boys are asleep & still confirm the town in ruins. The most delightful weather for our trip. Not a cloud in the sky and [illegible] for the first night we have camped in the woods and enough wood. We each had a coat, and rolled quilt well. Before buying my ticket I first drawed it over the West Shore from there I again went to the Central Hotel office and told him that I was divided in the other route as I could save quite a little by doing so the Man told me he would sell me for same ticket over the Central, and take share of the money as I bought them, and bought two half fare tickets for Parrott and Charlie and got them through without any difficulty. We had a [illegible] of things from 5 oclock to 11 oclock we enjoyed ourselves talking over [illegible] we were much interested in seeing the mountains and the White Rock bluffs. Saffy knows one as familiar as the birds of home, antelope, wild cats, prairie dogs, and among other kinds of animals that I cannot remember. I have a fine collection of birds & stuff. We took the wrong road at the corner. It was quite [illegible] we came about ten miles, we were fortunate in coming to a [illegible] from Emporia to Florence, [illegible]

crossing - single track most of the way. Had to wait
most morning at Kansas City for one train over
20 minutes before resuming our journey. We did not
have to change cars anywhere on the route. Little Eddie
was very worrisome during the last 100 miles and tired to
be carried a good deal. He got tired of the long ride
The car from Kansas City had over 60 people in it, 14
of which were children under 5 yrs. of age. We were all
very glad to get to the end of our trip. I have had
no trouble with piles since crossing the Miss~~ouri~~. I have
once bled twice on Thursday and took a few doses of Pyramidal
which I think helped me. Mary got very tired tramping
around at Chicago. We walked six blocks before taking
the street car and the same on returning and Eddie
and Robbie both had to be carried. She is not quite rested
yet but is helping with the work now. Will the
mail will run to the mines in. yesterday Will. leaving the
boys all at home. Went in the two rigs and Carroll
and Miss Mattie attended the preaching. Saturday Ed
took me in his carriage and two horses to Butte
The snow is not quite finished but we hope to get
started there on our road Monday. I was quite
pleased with the town and the surrounding country
It is not a large town but a very pretty one. There
are the usual number of saloons. There is Gambling along the
main street which starts the town in the usual fashion
Fronting of large stores etc. At the head of the main

There are about 25 houses most of which are of more than 18 rms standing except the PO building. The few shanties that were built formerly to that are extra removed or used for out-buildings. One store is the largest building there being 60 x 24 ft and two stories the next largest store is 50 ft deck. We called at nearly all the business places and just before leaving called at the school house. It is a fine building finished similar with hall three, size about 24 x 32 with patent seats & desks for 60. They commenced last Monday. The Section 11 Miners two there professing to board and with the help of a few of the scholars. I liked the appearance. The school is provided with 12 or more large maps which cannot be said of the Irwin Mines free school. Preaching service is held at this school room every two weeks by the M E society and Sabbath school every Sabbath the day before Irwin Mountain ED. The town is rather old there can be observed nor did I notice it come to finish and a place there as the result

[illegible] in widening and making improvements to wish to find everything just as it should be. There is every indication that this will be a prosperous little town and that right soon. The name of the P.O. in Bitter, Lyon Co. It is amusing to notice the local pride in the growth of the town locations. Saturday the blacksmith shop which had been on vacant ground was moved to Otis, and almost immediately Mr. Bitter commenced building another shop in Bitter and said he would have a machine shop in it also within sixty days. This will help the town as the one shop could not do all the work that comes in from the surrounding country. There seems to be no bitter feeling between the two factions but only a healthy rivalry which in the main is some for the town. Difficult to come home this morning and would like to go with them but I decided to stay home and look after my own & Bitter business. Train No. 7 - 10 A.M. Train No. 8 left Bitter at 4:30 P.M. and

stay there tonight returning [illegible]
or if I go there I can ride [illegible]
We have one household goods back [illegible]
if there needs so that we can get to [illegible]
from. The dog gone for the stove [illegible]
to see what we can get the [illegible]
for them.

I hope we shall have some word from you today. We received the enclosed [illegible] Mr Howe
forwarded from Berwick. I intended you should see
the letter. Have you heard from Mr Hartwell?
Don't allow the horses at Dixon trouble or worry
any of you. It will come out all right. I expect
to make enough there in one year to pay for it.

I have written you a long letter but have
not said all I have to say but do not trouble
to turn you out. If [illegible] we can settle about
some more of our stock [illegible] I shall
at furniture sale. Will buy it here and therefore
can't [illegible] from some other [illegible] from
here to Dixon and will just [illegible] in wood
cars. One of our trucks was stranded [illegible]
when we got to Dixon and I brought here [illegible]
stove for them. They were in no hurry [illegible]
get here. Don't think anything [illegible]

Lorraine Mary your loving [illegible]
dearest thoughts of the [illegible]

Emporia, Oct. 1. 1885.

Dear Nellie,

We have received but one letter from you since we left home and tomorrow it will be a week since we arrived. I have written to Hattie three times. Harry and the boys have not been there yet. Should judge by your letter that you had some cold weather when we left. We left not realizing that it was cold as there was ice in the coaches until we got to Chicago, and the rest of the way we had very cold weather — too warm for comfort. It rained just a little last night and this forenoon. Fair now it is quite warm. Mrs Hughes came over quite early this morning for me to help make

Just but the last night of work
was it would be and to be set-
ter letter. They work as busy as they
did when we were at Grantham.
They do not trouble us any time to go
home even leaving a coach load of
Lincs pass us. It will be quite nice
when quiet again. We will buy our milk
tomorrow, hope to get bread and meat the
two days in the store on rations so
to be [illegible] for Sunday. Both
home on cook stove just up tomorrow.
Home had a ton of coal delivered today
It is the bituminous coal. Cost $7.25
per ton. They commenced building up a
barn or us yesterday it is 12 x 24 and
12 ft posts, large enough for the cow
and horse + buggy, Hay &c.

Camel with Chinese forces have
been out in the country 2 miles
today with horse and they count also
mortars. They had a one horse wagon

got about 5 pr bunch of watercress
Mary and the child were quite
well! The children do not appear
the least homesick. Today Mary asked
Robbie if he would like to go back to Texas
to play with Ira Pannell. He says, No,
I want to go where Aunt Annie is I want
to go where John Willie lives.

We think of you every day and wonder
how you are getting along. Write me
might near about you every day. Direct
Willy, Lyon Co. We are quite anxious
to know how Jennie is. Give her
best - she is much better.

I wrote Emma a letter from Texas
and sent her a check which has
not been mentioned in any letter
received.

Apples and potatoes are quite
plenty here but high potatoes are
scarce. Sweet potatoes are plenty.
We can buy pecans at 12½ per

Have you got any heat wave about yet? Let us know what you are all doing and how the weather is. We have had a cool spell to change the color of the foliage yet. Frost-age is expected. The corn is about ripe and some of the farmers are starting in, I hear, on the harvest. I saw one place on the road where a field of corn is cut. The corn crop is very good and better than usual. We have an hour or 2 longer a day now, or else in the evening. It is time quite early now but I will tell you all about it when I write. I hope to hear from you tomorrow evening. Love to you all. Edward.

Olpe Kans
Oct: 31, 1885.

Dear Sister,

We have not heard from you this week. Hope we shall have a letter this sat. P.M. We are all well. I have gained 7 lbs. since leaving Linn. Baby is gaining in flesh. We all like it better as we get settled. Write soon

In haste

Your brother,

Edward

Olpe. Kans. Nov. 5, 1885.

Dear Sisters.

It has been a long time since we have heard from you, and we fear some of you are sick. We wish very much that ~~you would~~ some of you would write to let us know how you are. We are all well and busy. Wish we might step in and see you all this morning. And then have you all step in here and make us a morning call. It is 10. A.M. Charlie is at school Mary is up stairs doing up her work. Carroll is finishing a letter to John Eddie, Robbie and baby are in the other room of

the store playing. We have not had much trade yet this morning Only a pair of Rub. Boots 3.00 Dr rowed home in the night. Saturday we did not have any trade to speak of before noon. but by seven P.M. Carroll and I had sold $74. of which $54.75 was cash and the rest due pay in a short time. We feel quite encouraged in regard to our prospects for business. Produce is quite low and we do not expect to do a rushing business this winter but we hope to make a good living and get established. The weather has been fine all the fall. I have gained 7 lbs. Must close now

as it is mail time.
our mail goes at 10-30
A.M. and we get our
mail at 5. P.M.

We expect mother Allen
some day this week to
spend a few days with
us. She has not been here
yet since we came. Cina
and John were here Sat. & Sunday
Please write soon to

Your brother
Edward.

Olpe, Kans. Dec. 8/85.

Dear Sister,

Your welcome letter of the 1st. inst. came sat. Robbie, especially, was much pleased with his letter. I asked him yesterday when he was going to write to aunt Anna, and he said to me "can I write now?" I will enclose his little letter. After writing to Aunt Anna he wanted to write to John Eddie.

Last friday we had a severe wind storm which was claimed to be the heaviest wind storm in six years. It commenced early in the morning and went down about midnight. It did but little damage about here except scattering the hay-stacks (and there are thousands of them in this county) and the

corn fodder that was not cut. One man told me he had about 300. bushels of corn blown off the stalks. It turned over a good many out-buildings and one large hay shed in this place. It did not seem to me that the wind blew any harder than I have seen it blow in Iowa within the last year. It blew at the rate of 60 miles an hour. It was not cold although coming from the N. West. It has been colder ever since the wind went down and Sunday we had a few flakes of snow (the first)

Robbie and baby have colds and Mother Allen is not feeling well this morning. She was taken sick in the night - bowel trouble - Hope it will soon pass off.

Our Sunday school have decided to have a christmas tree on christmas eve. Expect to have a fine time. We are having protracted meeting now every eve. The meetings are quite interesting.

Mate wishes you would send her the pattern of Jumbo. She wants to make one for Ernest Jones and one for Eddie Jones, for christmas. Please send it by return mail. Robbie and Eddie take lots of comfort play= =ing with the "Jumbo" Almost made for Robbie.

The sign we have on our front is one that they had on the store in Emporia, S.P.J. & Co. The name of the firm is simply S.P.J. He gives me free house rent and insures me $60. per mo. but this is not the basis

two small for a western man to express himself in as he wants to do must send this letter half finished. Will Carroll might take up the chatauque course but do not feel as he would have the time to keep it up.

of sakery. He furnishes all the capital and I give my labor and I have half the profit if we make any after paying expenses but I am to have $60. per mo. in any event. I think we will do well. It looks that way now. Mate has not been troubled much with pain in her arms for a good many weeks.

And glad J. E. will be at home with you soon for a little. Hope Retta will dispose of that cold soon. She here are not on our own venture but Carroll has 6 of his own and intends to keep about 25. We have a turkey or Mate has. She intends to keep three through the winter. This sheet is

Olpe, Kansas, Dec. 16 1885.

Dear Sisters,

Mary's letter of the 8th inst also your two letters of the 11th are before me unanswered. We received the latter last one with the patterns. Thanks for sending the patterns so promptly.

After our wind storm ceased the weather became colder and a week ago sunday the ground was covered with snow. We have had about 8 to 10 inches of snow. — the most that they have had here for seven years. It has not thawed much for ten days until yesterday it was some warmer We feel quite at home with the snow. This is a beautiful bright sunny morning. It will thaw quite a little today. Every one who can rig up a pair of runners and a box on it makes good use of the snow. It is enough to make a New Yorker smile to see their attempts at making sleighs. I had a sleigh ride from meeting home last sunday P.M. and in the evening I went out into the country

meet the singers and sing some pieces that we will sing at Christmas tree. Went in a lumber wagon in the eve. There were 12 in the load. Met some very fine people.

We expect Cina and Abbie and their families here tomorrow to celebrate the birthday of their mother. The turkey will be the only sorry person I hope.

Day before yesterday I bought a jack rabbit for 15 ct and we have three good meals of it. Found it to be very nice and tender. Wish you might have been here to help enjoy it.

So Hattie has a little daughter. How I would like to see them all. Where is Lizzie Sands now? Has she gone to California?

Robbie been having a cold and his nose is quite sore from running. His cold is better but his nose is very sore. I have given him Ars. and Merc. but they do not seem to be sufficient. He had a present of a nice silk handkerchief from his uncle Siff. on his birthday.

Hope Jennie and Anna will be better of their colds before this reaches you. I intended to write you last eve when I would have more time but must close soon now as it is nearly mail time. The meetings still continue. Last Sunday P. M. four were received on probation. Two couples, heads of families. The meetings are doing us all good. We are hoping to build a church in the spring.

We all send lots of love.

Your brother
Edmund

Olpe, Kansas. Jany 4. 1886.

Dear Sisters.

Jennie's letter of the 2nd inst- came at 4-30 P.M today. We are not so very far away when you can write us a letter on Saturday and we get it the next monday P.M. We were beginning to feel uneasy as we had not heard from you in about two weeks. We are all fully well of our colds except Mate. She is better but is troubled with sore throat yet. I think it is a catarrhal difficulty. Yesterday and today Borea has been doing his best to make us feel at home. It almost seems that we are again in Lewis County. Sat. night it rained a little nearly all night and froze as it fell, and yesterday it was "slick." We had no services. It began to snow last night and has snowed some through today. We have had north wind for three days. It has not been very cold yet but is growing colder tonight. We closed store at a little after eight and I am writing this at the kitchen table. The boys have all gone

to bed. Griff. is reading the Turin Gazette which came this P. M. Mate has just got the little ones to bed and is picking up things for the night. Griff. brought us a prairie chicken from the farm last week which we all enjoyed. We had a Jack Rabbit not long since which I bought for 15 cent. It was very nice. About two months ago we bought a fat heifer in trade and had it butchered. We sold 1 qr. G. P. took one qr. and we took one half and salted most of it so we have nice corned beef yet. We have a plenty of fresh pork for the first month. G. P. is going to have six hogs soon then we will have lots of it. We have weaned the calf so now we have all the milk we can use and a little more.

Charlie went up to Emporia last ~~Thurs~~ friday morning and returned sat. P. M. He had a fine time but his visit was too short to suit him. Carroll will go there for a visit before long.

I guess you had forgotten that the law, and the cost of repairing the drain was to come out of the three months rent. I wrote to Wm P. inquiring how much good Russia fife there was

left, and requesting him to have it sent to you if there was enough to be worth while, but I have not heard from him since, Guess he must be quite busy.

Our business is increasing. Our sales were a third more in Dec. compared with November and Nov. was a third better than October. Friday, New Years Day we had a fine trade but Sat and today have been so stormy that our trade has been very light. We expect a nice trade on overshoes, boots, rubber boots & Overcoats as soon as the people get out again. But few of the horses are shod in this part of the country so they are not prepared to travel on such roads as we have now. I wish you could see Carroll in his new suit that he bought himself. It looks very nice, He is a good deal more fleshy than he used to be before he came out here.

We were sorry Anna is not so well. Hope you will write often and let us know how she is, and how you all are. We hope Jennie will write again soon as she always gets in lots of news items. It seems a pity you have not had more of

John Eddie's company during vacation. I would like to see the cutter he has been fixing. It would have been nice to have the new box too. We have enough snow now for sleighing — in spots but it is only in spots. I don't seem to have much to write that is interesting so might as well close and go to bed as it is after ten.

We all send love.

Your brother,

Edward.

Dipe, Kan. Jan. 11/86.

Dear Sister,

You have doubtless heard of, if you have not experenced the severe cold wave which passed over this western country during the past week. From Wednesday until Saturday we had a strong wind from the north with increasing cold until Thursday morning when the mercury sunk to 18 below zero. Friday morning it was 16 below. Yesterday the north wind was not so strong and weather more moderate. It snowed on Wed=
=nesday and with this the

blocked up the railroad.
We had no trains since
Thursday morning until today.
I have not seen a paper
so do not know the extent
of the cold wave. We moved
our beds into the kitchen and
kept up a good fire all
night and thus managed
to be comfortable. The children
are better of their colds. We
are all pretty comfortable.
I have made me a book=
=case during the storm.
I received a letter from
John this A. M. written the
9th. He says he does not
remember such a severe
storm. He says "I think I never
saw so low a thermometer with
so with so severe a wind"
He says the mercury was

14 below Sat. morning. Not as cold as it was here.

I hope you have not suffered during the severe weather. We shall be anxious to hear from you. We are all pretty well. Must close now so as to mail this today.

Love from your brother.

Edward.

P.S. — We have just heard that Mary's cousin Emma Johnson lost their house by fire Jan. 1st. Have not heard the particulars.

Bittertown, Kan. Feby 17. 1886

Dear Sisters.

I did not intend to wait so long before writing again, but it easier to put off till tomorrow than to meet and perform duties always on time. For the past week we have had delightful weather. The snow is nearly all gone (except some deep drifts) and it went off with the heat of the sun. The roads are getting quite good. Carpenters are at work putting up new work. Our hardware merchant has put up a warehouse 28 X 50 ft. since Feb. 1. It looks quite encouraging for a good trade this spring.

We feel very sorry to hear that Rena is so poorly. Wish we might see her, and you all. Hope she is better ere this and that we shall hear in your next of her riding out. We feel anxious to hear again from you all. Where will Mr. Pritchard move to and will he move West? Will you not need a boy to do the chores?

That was a fine present that J. E. got from cousins Henry & Alex. It will doubtless come quite "handy". We are all glad to know he is making good use of his opportunities.

Tell John Williams that there are much better opportunities for a man to succeed in business here in Kansas than there if he has a few hundred dollars to start with. The margins are better although ~~not~~ many of the staple goods are sold quite close, but there is less dickering and bantering about the price than with you there. If any one has money to loan he can get good interest here. It can be placed in good hands at 12 per ct. There is a great deal of money loaned on chattel mortgages at Emporia at rates ranging from 20 to 50 or even 100 per cent per annum. But the legal rate is 8 per ct when no rate is mentioned and as high as 12 per ct is legal when agreed upon. The banks all get not less than 12 per ct.

Tell Rosa Thomas we think there is room for her out here and her chances would be

good. Wish some of our Kansas friends would come out here to settle.

Good lady teachers get 40 to 45 dollars per month in district schools. A lady from Emporia who teaches 7 miles so east from here drops with every two weeks as she comes from her school on her way home. She usually gets here about 5-30 and takes tea with us and takes the cars at 7-30 for Emporia. She has been teaching all winter and has 7 weeks more. She gets $40. per mo.

Last eve. Mate cut Charlie, Carroll, and my hair and intends to clip the little kids today. Charlie has gone to school and Carroll is helping her with her work. Robbie and Lizzie have been out in the yard playing but found the morning air rather too keen.

Carroll has 20 pullets now and he gets 4 or 5 eggs every day. Mother Adler and Cina were here last friday and sat. and we killed our turkey for dinner on sat. Do not think we will keep turkeys as they will be a good deal of trouble and they

We are all pretty well. Expect to take inventory next week. It is a quiet time with trade now.

Have you seen cousin Mary lately. I wrote her about a month ago but have not heard from her. Give them our love when you see any of them.

We all send love to you all

Your brother

Ed Holcombe

Bitterton. Kan. Feby. 24 86

Dear Sister.

We are anxiously waiting for a letter from you again. but suppose it is not strictly necessary to wait in silence. I wrote you a few days ago — since we heard from you. The frost is nearly all out of the ground and some of the farmers are plowing. The roads are quite good. We had a (dime social) Martha Washington social last monday eve. It was not spoken of until the previous friday. Had a fine time. The ladies were attired in Martha Washington head dresses and capes. We had a fine time and cleared about $37. We all went but the two little kids. We took turns in staying with them.

This morning there were four emigrant wagons passing through here. Two were going to Nebraska, one to Iowa and one was going south to Cowley County.

Little Eddie is not well. He has quite a bad cough and has some fever and

diarrhea. He has been troubled a good deal with diarrhea all winter. The rest of us are pretty well. We hope Anna is better and that some of you are planning a trip and visit to Kansas.

Suppose Mr. Pritchard will be moving soon and that you will be assuming the care of the farm and stock and we shall be interested to know of your arrangments and plans. Wish it was not so far — so that Charlie could come and help you get started with the new enterprise. Carroll gets about 5 eggs a day now.

We have commenced taking inventory and shall be quite busy the rest of the week. Arthur Jones has been visiting with Robbie for the past two days. It is raining some this morning. They cannot play in the yard today as they have the past two days.

We all send love. — Your brother

Edward

Bitlertown, Kans. March 16 1886.

Dear Sisters.

I think we have received two letters from you since I have written. I have been so busy for the past three weeks, and part of the time not very well, that I can not remember when I have written but I am convinced that it is time to write now. Last friday I bought a wild goose for 50 cts and we had it for a late dinner about 5 P.M. so Griff would be back from the farm. In the evening. Mate, Charlie and I attended the closing exhibition of the school. Charlie did himself credit in speaking the piece Dried apple pies. The school house was crowded and exercises all very good. There is only one week vacation and then 3 months school again.

That goose had a bad effect on me in bringing on a cold which geese have the faculty of doing, especially when attacked

by [illegible] tired stomach at about that time of day. I was sick all day Sunday and yesterday did not feel very strong. Today I am most well again.

Abbie and the children came with Griff yesterday. He has gone to the farm, and the four little boys are having a gala time out in the back yard. There is no frost in the ground and the mud is nearly all dried up. Farmers are planting their early potatoes.

Another new house is going up about 10 ~~rods~~ rods west of the store. It was commenced monday morning and will be ready to move into by Thursday night. There is to be no cellar and not plastered.

I have been thinking a good deal about you all and of the dear ones that have left us for the Mansions above. We have just passed the 8th anniversary of our dear mother's death. It ought to be a source of a great deal of comfort to think of our dear departed ones and of their pure lives and the attractions they now offer us as we look

with the eyes of faith to [illegible] in them.

We were very glad to hear from Libbie Owens and will answer it before many days. Shall be very much pleased to get the photo. if she sends it.

We received the Autograph Album last-friday from Twin. We shall prize it very highly It contains of about 115 of our Twin friends, mostly confined to the members of the Pres. ch. and congregation. I have not yet acknowledged the receipt of it yet.

Horace Ragan gives one of his panoramic entertainments at Winona this eve and another tomorrow eve. Do not know yet as we can go or not.

Eddie is better of his diarrhea and cough but not well yet. If he was well and I was well should go sure.

Carroll is going to sell one of his hens today. Eggs have been very plenty for the past two weeks. We pay seven cents per dozen and ship them to Lawrence We sent off 90 Doz. Yesterday. Do not think

they will be lower than that.

Must close now as it is mail time.

Your brother,

Edward

Bitterlown, Kan. March. 23. 1886.

Dear Sister,

For the past 3 weeks I have been on the sick-list, but- have been in the store a part- of every work day but- for that, or nearly that- length of time have not put in full time I have had a cold, disordered and very weak stom=ach and a hard cough. Have been quite weak much of the time. and think, if I had called in a physician and allowed him to treat me as he thought- best, that- I might have had a fever with all the attachments but- I just got- along with all that and now am feeling nearly well except- the cough. I need to be very careful about my diet- yet. Expect- I shall feel much better after a little more care, than I did before.

We are all longing for another letter from you. We want to know how you are physically, and how you get- along farming. It- will be very pleasant- for you to have

my old friend Griffith Jones with you this summer. I wonder if he remembers my trouble with the weasel. I should like to see him and to go to his old place and fill my pockets with those little sweet apples that used to seem so mellow and juicy to me

Little Eddie also has been having a hard time with an aggrivating cough accompanied with running catarrh and diarrhea but he too is most well. "Waddie" as Eddie calls Robbie is well and "Carlo" and "Talie" are well.

Mary, Baby and I had a very narrow escape yesterday. We went out about 5 P.M. for a short ride with Griff's Grey mare and the gig and crossed the R.R track twice in going ½ a mile to Mr. Priest's to see about getting some nice butter for supper. Mary had frequently road out with both the children last fall with this same mare but the mare she has had too much oats and too little driving of late. Just as we got on top of the embank=ment and on the R.R track coming home the mare refused to advance, but began to prance. We were on a narrow embankment about

8 or 10 feet high and liable to be backed off over a stone culvert and to have the horse fall on us. I used the whip freely but with apparently no effect. In an instant the horse turned across the road and leaped off this embankment of soft earth and at the bottom the mare fell in a heap and Mary and Eddie pitched out over the wheel and very near the horse. I did not fall out but held on to the mare who immediately picked herself up. Two men who were not far off saw us go over and were there in time to help Mary and Eddie up. Providencially Mary was not seriously hurt, she received a number of bruises and was somewhat lame after it and felt more of it this morning but she has been around the house all day doing her work and does not walk lame this eve. Little Eddie was not hurt at all. Of course I did not get hurt as I did not fall out. Nothing was broken. The embankment was about as steep as dirt will stay when it is dumped off but fortunately there were no stones or rocks in the way. Possibly this tale is not very interesting but it has the virtue of being free from fiction. We ought to be grad

try to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for his care of us through such dangers and numberless unseen dangers and sickness. I hope we shall hear that Anna is better, and that you are all pretty well.

We have engaged a little plot of ground near by. Hans had it well manured and plowed and expect to put in some potatoes the last of this week, also some onion sets that we brought with us.

Must close now and go to bed. Good night all.

Your brother,
Edward.

Bitterlown. Kan. April 2. 1886.

Dear Sisters,

Your welcome letter postmarked Mar. 31st came to us this P.M. We were very glad to hear of your welfare. But shall be just as anxious to hear again next week. I have wished so many times for the past three weeks that I could write you and get an answer the same or the next day so that I might have the benefit of your medical advice as did not succeed in finding the remedy I needed. I think my trouble dates back some months. At first my cough was very hard and although I raised a little, there seemed just as much more to be raised. I got very weak and could not eat much and all the time had a load on my stomach. I took Bry. China, Silesia, Sulph. and Calc. and finally called in Dr. Breiner, who lives about 7 miles east is an Allopathic Physician, also a farmer, a good man, leading Presbyterian in a small country church. He trades with us and is generally here once or twice a week. He gave me something that helped my cough and also something for my liver trouble. The last time he was here he changed my medicine

a little. I do not take any medicine now but I take good nutritious food three times a day which is restoring my strength. I think I came very near having a run of fever. Have not been able to do much in the store for the past three weeks but for the past 4 or 5 days I believe I have slept soundly about 12 or 13 hours out of each 24. Feel about rested out and think I shall be better after I get my strength than I have been for a long time. Mary has nearly recovered from the effects of that fall from the cart but her limb is still black and blue from above the knee all around to near her ankle. It is such a wonder her limb was not broken. It is also so strange that Eddie was not killed. But he appears as well now as ever. Geo. Jones and Arthur Jones have both been visiting here for a few days. G. P. is also here. They have all retired for the night. Mary has put Robbie to bed and is now rocking and singing to little Eddie.

It was fortunate that Mary did not get hurt worse when she slipped on the icy walk. Hope she will feel no more bad effects from the fall.

P.S. - This is April 3. My birthday. I'm 3 years old today

I will remember what you said about Bry. and Sulph. Think it will do me good to take some Bry. now. I gave Mate a few doses of Am. but felt so poorly myself that I did not keep it up long. Eddie is much better of his diarrhea. Will try sulph for him if he is troubled again. Was sorry to hear that Griffith Jones was sick. Hope with the good care that he is having that he is well again. He remembers that weasel fight just as it was.

We have all the milk we need and have had all winter. We weaned the calf in Dec. and have had all the milk since. Mate sells 1 to 2 qts a day at a nickle a quart. We have all the eggs we want. They are only worth 7 cts per doz. here. Carroll has 5 hens sitting. Did you have an incubator made? A man living about two miles from here had two incubators made at the lumber yard between our store and the depot. each capable of hatching, (or attempting to hatch) out 180 chicks. I saw another larger incubator brought into town for a man who has had 400 chickens through the winter

P.S. – This is April 3. my birthday, 43 years old today.

Do not know what either of them cost. How many hens do you have now? Think you are doing well to get 11 or 12 a day.

Hope Jennie will be careful and not take any more cold. We all need to use a great deal of care at this season of the year when the weather is so changable. Last week the merc. was 70 in the shade for three days and for the past three days we have had cold north wind and the ground is frozen 2 inches or more. We have 1 1/2 Bu. Potatoes planted. Do not think they are frozen.

I feel sorry for brother John that he is having so much trouble with his eye. Wish we might prevail upon him to visit us. Suppose he would think he could not spare the time at present. I will write him again soon.

Sat. Morning. The ground is considerably whitened with snow this morning. There is no wind but it feels quite wintry. The new furniture store being erected on the corner opposite is deserted ~~as~~ ~~there~~ this A.M. it being too cold for the carpenters to work outside. We all send lots of love. Your brother

E.W. Everett

Bittertown, Kan. April 20. 1886.

Dear Sisters,

Mary's letter was received last-
friday. It came while Mate and I and the
little boys were away at Emporia. We went on
tuesday with the horse & carriage intending to
return the next day. We had a pleasant visit-
and a rest and started to return the next-
day at 4 P.M. and when we had gone
only a mile & while we were within the city
limits we were encountered by a severe rain
& hail storm. We turned around to go back but
were obliged to stop at the first house as
we feared the horse would get unmanage=
=able on account of the hail which was
about the size of pecan nuts — some an
inch in diameter. Mate and the children
went back to Abbie's on the street car and
after the worst of the storm was over I returned
with the horse to the barn. This was the same
horse that took us down the embankment, so

we were more cautious on that account. Little Eddie is afraid to ride after a horse or in a street car or in the steam cars since the accident. We staid over night and as it rained in the morning we waited until the 4 o'clock P. M. train and got home safely. Abbie was here to keep house while we were gone and G. P. took my place in the store. Last Sat. the 17th inst. Mate. Charlie and I went up to our garden, ~~and~~ about 3-30 P. M. and put in some peas, beans, onion sets, and onion seeds, lettuce, raddish and lima beans. We staid until 6-30 — raked and planted a piece 40 ft. square. Last we we went up again and put in some beet seeds, carrot seeds, cucumber and watermellon seeds. We expect to have a nice garden to show you if you visit us this summer. The farmers are planting their corn this week. Some commenced planting last week but the rains interfered. The prairies are donning their summer garb and the cattle get some grass but not enough to live on. Charlie did the

milking while we were at Emporia and since then he has insisted on doing it. There is no trouble now in getting him up in the morning. I am glad to have him learn to milk. Mother Allen came with Griff. yesterday to stay with us a few days. She is going to visit her brother next month who lives about 150 miles north west of here at Stockton, the Co. seat of Rooks Co. He is the Co. Treasurer. He made us a short visit in March.

Carroll has 14 little chickens and expects another brood today. Robbie said this morning at the breakfast table that he put his foot on one little chicken yesterday and it went to sleep and after a good while woke up again.

One day two or three weeks ago after mate had done her washing she took Eddie and washed him in the washtub and put on clean cloth throughout and put on his shoes and then she left him and Robbie up stairs and came down

stairs for some thing only staying a few minutes. When she returned she found Eddie sitting on the side of the washtub with his feet (shoes on) in the tub. He enjoy getting into mischief. The children are all well, as we all are. Mate and her mother were weighed this morn. and Mate weighs just 150. Mother Allen is well - she weighs 142

It is mail time so I must close. Love to all from your brother.

Edward.

Bittertown, Kan. June 29 1886.

My Dear Sisters,

I fear that we are all getting into the bad habit of negleding our correspondance, but for my part I have not the excuse of nothing to write about, for the spring and summer season thus far has been delightful and so favorable to all vegetation that every=thing in nature about us seems so fresh, and the growth so luxuriant every one seems to reflect the beauty of nature in pleasant smiles. We are using from our garden all we want of potatoes, beans, green cucumbers radish lettuce & beets, and our watermelons and muskmellons are forming. All vegetation is remarkably free from vermin of any kind. True there have been a few potato bugs but we cannot see as they have done any harm. The chinch bugs are doing some damage to oats. But the corn crop is the crop of this section. The farmers tell me they have not seen such a good prospect for corn at this season of the year in ten

you. I was walking through a field of corn last Saturday and there was but few of the stalks ~~that~~ could be touched with the cain I had in my hand and some were 18 inches higher than I could reach with the stick or cain I had in my hand. Should think some of it was 11 feet high and it had not tasselled out. The corn now is beginning to tassel.

We have nice cool nights to sleep. but it gets pretty warm in the sun during the day. We all enjoy good health. Robbie and Eddie are quite fleshy and Mary is quite well — weighs 157. She weighed 135 when we came out to Kansas. Charlie is churning this morning Carroll is reading the morning paper.

We would like to know how you are all getting along. Suppose Jennie has got home from her visit. How is Anna and Mary this summer? Is J. Edward at home now? We want to what you are all doing and how you all are. Is Griffith Jones there still? Suppose you have a horse but you have not told us so. Did you buy one of Mr. Prichards horses? How many cows do you milk?

Have you done anything more about the house

at Sioux? Hope Mr. Brass will find some one that wants it.

We took a nice ride out into the country seven miles last a week ago Sunday and attended the first Presbyterian service since coming here. They have preaching there sunday mornings every two weeks on the sundays that we have no preaching here. Do you have preaching every sunday? How is Jane this summer? Is Clara teaching? When have you seen Maggie? Wish we might spend a few weeks visiting you all and then go over to Brantingham Lake for a little camp life.

The farmers are very busy these days finishing their corn cultivating, and therefore we are not very busy. Suppose you are enjoying strawberries now. We had them only twice. They are among the things of the past with us. We bought a nice lot of cherries last week 26 qts. at 8 cts per qt. Apples are large enough to make pies with those that drop off. There are a good many apples this year. There will be no peaches here this year. Will you have many apples?

Now I hope one of you will sit down and write me soon and answer at least half of my questions

and if you ask me as many I will try to answer them. I wonder if some of you do visit home, at least some round idea of visiting Kansas sometime. Wish you might conclude to do so this fall. I believe this is a healthy part of the country. You could eat all the fruit you want, have a plenty of milk and grow fat. No more nonsence this time

With love to each one from

Your brother Edward

Bitterstown Kan. Aug. 3. 1886.

Dear Sisters.

Carroll's letter is on the desk before me unsealed and I must improve the opportunity of adding a few lines.

George ~~Charlie~~ Jones and Charlie Everett went out to the farm yesterday with their uncle Griff. for a two days visit. They are having a rainy time for their visit as it commenced raining about daylight and has been increasing ever since. Farmers have postponed haying since the rainy spell which began about two weeks ago. The grass is growing nicely and the corn is doing well now.

Mary and I attended meeting at the Holmes school house, (our church) last sabbath. There is to be a township Sunday School convention at a school house about 6 miles so. west of here a week from next sabbath and if all is well we expect to go. This is a large township extending six or seven miles east & west

and containing over 1700 inhabitants and has 8 or 10 sabbath schools in different school houses which will all be represented at that convention. I think there is but one Protistant church building in the township. This county has a county S.S. Association and a vice president in each township whose duty it is to organize and visit the several S. Schools in the township also to arrange for convention &c. They intend to build an arbor in front of the school house and have plank seats to accomodate all who may come. The exercises begin at 9.45 and will continue until about 4 P.M. All are expected to bring their dinners. If we get to go will write you more about it afterwards.

This is destined to be a very quiet day with us as it is now about 10 and we have not seen a costomer Do not blame any one for staying at home such a rainy day.

We had some nice watering mellons brought to the store yesterday. I bought

them at 5 cents each They were delicious
One of our friends brought us some wild
plums yesterday. They are quite nice for
pickling or preserves. Charlie was saying the
other day he wished he was at the aunties. He
spoke of the nice times he and Carroll used
to have there — getting apples &c He said
you have such a nice orchard. We have
ripe golden sweets that we sell at 75 cts
per bush. and fall cooking apples at 60 cts.

Your brother
E. W. S.

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, Oct. 25. 1887

Dear Sister

Jennie's letter of the 19th inst. which was directed Lyons Co. was sent to Lyons, Rice Co. and reached us yesterday. Our county is named after one lion, not all of them.

I hope you will excuse me for being remiss in writing of late as I have been very busy. Have had up some on Saturday and nearly all day Sunday and yesterday. This morning she was up to breakfast with us. Baby is quite well except

that he has the sniffles these cold nights.

I think Robbie or Eddie would enjoy a trip to his Uncle Johns very much and perhaps could be induced to stay but we want you to visit us first. Mate will soon be strong enough to be about her work we hope and then we want you to visit us.

We received a cheery letter from Anna Saturday and I must drop her a few lines this morning. We had quite a heavy frost this morning so that the ground was frozen a little and my potatoes are not all dug.

With love to all

Edward.

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, Dec. 10. 1887

Dear Sisters,

We have received one letter only from you since you reached Johns. We hope to hear again today. We found a pkg. of tooth-picks in your room. Did you intend to have them sent to Anna?

The suit of cloths better be packed in strong paper and returned to Olpe by Express. If they are sent to Emporia that will occasion delay or extra Expense and we should have them here as soon as possible to sell.

G.P. and Abbie went to Emporia again thursday returning the same day, and yesterday Griff drove up to get a new Lumber Wagon.

We have not heard from Alma or J. Eddie since you left us but have written to both.

We keep pretty busy all the time. I cannot write much more this time.

Dr. Henderson of the Pres. College of Emporia is expected to preach the funeral sermon of Mrs. Ray at the church at Edmondson tomorrow. We hope that some of us can go.

With love to all

Your brother

Edward

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, Dec 12, 1887

Dear Sisters.

The enclosed letter from Remsen came sat: eve and we took the liberty to open it as you told us we might.

In regard to Mr. W. T. Starr I fear that I did not make it plain, but I endeavored to do so. He now has $1000. incumbrance on his farm. One mortgage of $800. will be due next Sept. and one of $200. is due this month. He wishes to borrow $300. for one year now and with it take up the $200. and have $100. to send his son to school Next fall he proposes to make a new loan for $1000. and paying

the $800. and the $300. In doing this he would need to raise $100. (by selling hogs or cattle) more than he borrows next fall. This is what I meant when I said he wanted to raise $100. besides the mortgage. I have just seen Mr. Sloan this morning. He is on his way to Emporia for a load of lumber. He has just seen Mr. Daniel Harmon who is to make the other loan and says he has hurt his hand by running something into it so that he cannot leave home, but in a few days he will come and make the mortgage and get the $300.

I must close now as it is to for the mail to close. We are all well.

Edward

E. W. EVERETT.

G. F. JONES.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, Dec. 14. 1887.

Dear Sisters,

Your joint-letter of yesterday came to us this P. M. We were sorry to hear that Jennie had taken cold. You had not spoken of it before. Hope she will be soon well again This is Robbie's birth-day He is six. His mother made him some chocolate drops in honor of the day They tasted very nicely but the chocolate was a little too soft. The children miss their aunt Jennie in the candy line. Think this is the first that has been made here since you left. Saturday is mother Allen's birthday, and we expect Cina and her to visit us then. They will come on the cars

Mrs. Morse is visiting at Burlingame while the Dr. is meeting with the Bitter's. The baby is very good and will soon be too fat for his bed in the rocking chair. He weighs 17 lbs. Carroll is making a very nice chicken coop. We received Uncle Dillon's letter of Thursday. Glad to hear from you all.

Love to all

Yours

Hattie

We are to have a Christmas tree. Miss Grant has gone to Mr. Butler's this eve. to meet with the committee on exercises.

I fear you have not received all my letters as Jennie asks where to send the kind of cloths. and I had written about them before. Please express them to Olpe. as soon as convenient as we may have a chance to sell them before the holidays.

I found the package you spoke of on the shelf near the showcase. I found it a day or two ago and on opening it saw it was pieces of the trimming like your dress and two kinds of buttons & some cambric &c We will keep it for you. I have from Libbie Owens that she has received the $60

a letter came for Jennie from Anna a few days ago. It contained a draft for about $22. We opened it and then folded it & sent it with my letter. It was a very

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, Jan. 26. 1888.

Dear Sister.

Last eve we received two letters from you - wish I had time to them one half justice in the way of answering them this A. M. but can only write a few lines. In regard to Mr. Kiler's $75. I think he was presuming too much when he made that loan for you and I think he acknowledges that when he sent you the ck. for $500. My man Smith is waiting as I told him I think you will take his loan, but I hope you will give a positive answer as soon as possible. He can't [illegible]

the money at the bank on his personal security but that would cost him 12% and he prefers to give mortgage on his land at 8%. Please decide and let me know by return mail if possible.

We are all well. We hope to let Carroll go to school here soon. Will write again very soon.

Your brother,

Edward

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, Feb. 3 1888.

Dear Sister,

I received your letter wednesday eve and was glad to get an answer to give Mr. Smith.

It is raining a little here today. We have had foggy mornings for nearly a week and this is another one intensified. Think the frost is nearly all out of the ground. There seems to more throat and lung trouble since this damp, warm weather set in. We are all pretty well, except that Mary has a cold. We weighed the baby yesterday and he weighed 19 lbs.. He is more fleshy than when you saw him.

It keeps me pretty busy to get along alone, but am glad to give Carroll a chance to attend school.

I am having a sore thumb, on left hand. Dr. M. calls it a whitlow and recommends poulticing it. I held it in hot water about 20 minuts last eve. which did it no harm. It is not very painful yet but quite tender. Hope it will not prove serious. Exped I will lose the nail.

Robbie and Eddie are playing by the scales as I am writing at the desk. I asked them what I should write to aunt Jennie and Mary and they both said "come here"

With much love to you three

Edward.

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, March 17 1888.

Dear Sister,

Your letter mailed the 16th came to us last eve. The engineers and firemen on this branch of the Santa Fee road joined in the "strike" at 4 P. M. Thursday last and our Post master got a horse and went to Emporia last and brought the mail. Besides, your full letter I received an eight-page letter from W. P. Williams, the first we had heard from him in nearly a year and it was the most newsy letter we ever got from there since we left. He wrote it during the snow blockade last week. He said [illegible]

worst storm he ever saw.
The Merc. was 10 below zero
there last Wednesday morning.
We are anxious to know how
Anna got along during that
storm. Her letter was written
before the storm.

I am writing this not
knowing when you will get
it as we understand the
Missouri Pacific engineers went
out on a strike at 4 P. M.
Saturday but possibly the mails
will go through.

The strike seems to be at
an end on this branch as the
express came south last eve.
(Sunday) and the regular morning
freight train went south this
a. m. The mail messenger
told me last eve that he expected

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the trains would run regularly often this on this road. Of which we are immensely glad, as it seems that we are so much farther from our friends when the cars do not run. We are so accostomed to measure distances by time.

We were very glad to get the budget of home letters. Have read them with interest, and return them with this

We have sold all our nest-eggs. Hope John will find some in Pennsylvania. We are glad to hear that Mary is improving. Hope you will both shake off those

colds soon. We are having colder weather this morning with some rain.

We received the reg. letter with the $14. all right.

The three older boys are in school and Eddie has just been splitting some kindlings for his mother and bringing in the eggs. Now it is raining and he will have to stay in-doors. We are all well. Love from each to you all

Yours truly,

Olpe, Ks. Mch. 28/88.

Dear Sister & Brother.

About a week ago I took a cold which kept me from the store for two or three days. I am much better and have not been obliged to keep Carroll out of school this week but I cough some yet and am not as strong as before. This is why I have not written you oftener. I sent you the straps for rubbers by mail. price 10 cts

a pain. We have no rebt eggs.

Baby Ray has taken some cold and cried a good deal the first part of last night as his throat seemed to be sore and he would not nurse. Aconi. seemed to relieve him. He has been constipated for many weeks and think he does not feel as well at times on that account.

They run all trains seven days in a week on this road now. The Express going north leaves here at 12-52 P.M. and leaves Emporia at 4-20 P.M.

Freight- leave Emporia
at 7 A. M. when on time.
We hope Mary is
still improving and
that we shall be
favored ere long with
another letter.

Love from us all

Edward.

Olpe. Ks. Mch 30/88.

Dear Sister,

Your letter with the one from J. E., Anna, and M. M. E. came last eve. I will not return them until next writing as we have not all read them. I am much better than when I wrote last. We all enjoy this fine Spring weather! I think we may safely calculate that Spring has come to stay and that the farmers will now be hurried to get their crops in. — I trust for an abundant harvest.

I send you an Easter card also pkg of Easter dyes thinking you may get them tomorrow.

In haste

Edward.

Olpe, Kans April 3, 1888.

Dear Brother & Sisters

I have only time to write you a short letter this A.M. and send back two Col. of rooster letters. Besides your letter of 31st ult. we got one from Anna last eve. with one for Robbie.

We are all pretty well except Charlie who came home from school this morning with a chill. He is feeling some better now and has gone to sleep on the couch. He got up about 5 30 this morning and helped his mother with the washing

before breakfast. I hope it will not prove to be anything serious.

That hatch-way door bump was a serious matter, indeed as it is with all accidents, "it might have been worse" but it also might have been fatal. I hope the effects of it will soon wear off.

It is a good while since we have heard from Jennie. Eddie frequently speaks of her the other day he spoke of her as the lady that made candy. Have you had any lately? We are having our ground plowed today and hope to get some potatoes in soon and peas planted.

Your brother,

Edward

Olpe. Ks. April 19, 1888.

Dear Sisters.

We received a short letter from Mary on monday and think there was one or two of my letters that you had not received when you wrote besides the package of seeds. Am sorry you have so much trouble in getting your mail promptly.

We are all pretty well now. The three oldest boys are at School and Eddie is at my side at the desk scribbling. Baby is asleep and Mary doing up her morning work. She has done some house-cleaning but has not finished.

We are anxious to know how much of a garden you have. We have most of [illegible]

potatoes. But- have some sweet-corn planted, also peas, beans, pumpkin, Squash, cucumbers onions, also have set-out a few tomato plants and have more to set-out-. Have reserved a place for sweet-potatoes, and melons and more cucumbers. & We have a part of the lot- back of our barn for garden. We had some frost- yesterday morning and it- is quite cold today.

I suppose you have seen a notice of the death of Roscoe Conkling.

We hope to hear again from you soon, and hope you will not- work too hard in the garden as you will need to reserve some strength to fight- the weeds later in the season.

Your brother.

Edward.

Olpe Ks. April 30. 1888.

Dear Sister,

Your letter dated 19th inst- has remained unanswered for nearly a week. I wrote you just before receiving it. Thanks for the Veg. Oyster seeds and the medicine for Robbie. He had recovered from ~~and~~ blow on his eye, however and got another on his forehead from a piece of a brick which was not so serious. I guess the small boys of today get about as many bumps and bruises as I did when their age. The three boys are in school this morning — no Charlie is helping his mother wash. Mary finished cleaning house last week. There is three more weeks of school. Do not count too much on Carroll's coming to visit you as something may happen to prevent but if he does he

bunk in with the boys at the other house nicely. He never gets up in his sleep now. He has out-grown all such useless notions, and besides that he has out-grown me. He is taller and heavier than his father.

This is a nice day — to stay near a fire. Rather cool in the wind. We had no frost this morning but came near having.

Our potatoes are all up and so is nearly everything else we have planted. We have beans up and still more of them to plant yet. We have a few tomato plants set out in the garden but have most of them in the house yet. It was a mistake to set them out so early.

I return Anna's and Maggie's letters. We were glad to see them. We must try and write to Maggie soon. You forgot to put in the apple blossoms that Jennie was going to send. The apple trees are

in full bloom here. There is a good prospect for plums and cherries but no peaches.

Do you get my letters the same day as they are mailed or do they arrive in Ossinaloone the next day now. The mail is later in leaving here than it was. It leaves now at 1.52 P.M.

I think it would do you and Jennie good to make a trip to Delphi, and visit us now before it gets very warm. I wish John might come with you and make us a short visit. but I suppose he is too busy just now.

Must say good bye now so as to get this in the mail

Edmond.

Olpe, Ks. May 22/88.

Dear Sisters,

Yours of the 18th inst. came to hand sunday P. M. We were very glad to see Jennie's hand-writing again as she has not written much of late. We got a letter last friday from Anna dated 15th inst. and suppose you have also heard from her. We are glad to know that she is a good deal better so as to take her meals at the table. Hope they will soon have warm weather so that she can get out some.

We shall be glad to see you when can come. Carroll has not said anything lately

about visiting at his Uncle John's. Since school closed he has been raking the yard cleaning out the barn, and today the boys have made a bon-fire in the yard and they are now up at the potato field hoeing tomatoes and cabbage &c. and preparing the ground for sweet potatoes.

Mr. Wilson the section boss has bought the three vacant lots south of Dr. Moore's i.e. between Moore's lot and the enclosure where we have a garden just back of our barn. He has moved his little house on it and will build on front in time. His house used to be on the R.R land beyond the depot. They are near neighbors now.

The little boys take great delight- caring for the little chickens. We have 45 and have seven hens sitting yet. Two of them on ducks eggs. (white pekin ducks)

The baby is growing and is quite well. Seldon- cries from morning till night-. He weighs 25 lbs. has two teeth. and will soon be strong enough to sit- up alone. Robbie has been writing a letter to his uncle- Arthur. Guess he will write to you next-.

Your brother,

Edward.

Olpe, Kan. Monday May 28, 88

Dear Sisters,

Your joint- letter of the 24th. came sat- eve. I am glad there is a prospect- that- the house will be sold soon even at- a low price.

We have had quite a change in the weather since yesterday. Fires are not- needed today. Did you have any hail and rain last- week. We had no hail of notice but- two miles east- of us it- hailed and four miles east- the hail stones were about- the size of walnuts. In Harvey co. the hail was quite destructive in some parts

Last week Carroll and I took up the fence which enclosed a small hog yard outside of our yard on the north and enclosed the front part of the store lot north of the store and Carroll has spaded it all and intends putting in some kind of a crop, and then Mary will have some flowers each side of the walk. It looks much better already. Charlie spent four days at his uncle Griff's farm and returned yesterday. He is helping with the washing today. Mother Allen is with us yet. We have heard nothing from Anna since I wrote you last. We are all well. Guess you enjoyed your ride to town last week. How much does John get for butter now?

We can only pay 9 cts for the best butter and 8 cts per doz. for Eggs. Summer made butter does not keep here as it does in N. S.

We all send love

Your brother,

Edward.

G. P. JONES. E. W. EVERETT.

JONES And EVERETT,

Dealers in

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Olpe, Kansas, June 21, 1888.

Dear Sisters,

It is a long time since we have heard from you, and we wonder what you are doing and how you all are. We have not heard this month. Hope you are all comfortable, and that Mary is better than when Lennie wrote last. Hope we shall hear soon. Think I have written twice since hearing from you.

We have just had one of the best rains since we have been in the state. Tuesday morning we had a fine, gentle rain and that night it rained harder. Last night it rained hard the greater part of the night. Our circle is full. Eagle creek is too high to ford. The rain was very much needed.

We have not heard from Anna in a long time. When have you heard?

Did you realize that we are having the longest days of the year just now? and have you noticed that they are considerably shorter here than in N. J. in the summer, and longer here than there in the winter?

We are all well. Baby enjoys the baby walker I made for him. You would hardly know him now he is so much stronger. We hope to hear from you or see you soon.

Your brother,

Edward.

P.S. — If Jennie wants me to send her some of that .60. please let me know.

E. H. E.

Olpe. Ks. Aug. 9. 1888.

Dear Sister.

We received your letter and have written to Mr. Brown as you requested as I think it is better to sell even at that low price than to wait possibly for another year. Mr. Schoolcraft is well able to buy the home and pay cash for it, but likes to keep his money as well as anybody. They moved from Iowa to Whitesboro about eight years ago. Have lately lost the younger of their two boys.

You may look for Carroll tomorrow and to make you

all a short visit:

E. W. Everett

Ulpe, Kan. April 23, 1889

My Dear Sister.

Yours postmarked 19th inst. came yesterday and as I have a little time now I will begin an answer. Spring has opened up with you, and as vegetation is so rapid there you will soon catch up with us. Seed time here is a much longer season than in N.Y. and our native prairie grass is slow in coming in the spring. Most of the farmers have some corn up and have not half of their acreage planted. There will be much more corn planted in this vicinity this year than ever before. We have potatoes and peas ready to hoe. We have 15 little chickens which I just took out of the nest this morning.

The center of news-making of late is Oklahoma. For the past month we have seen covered wagons passing south bound for that "promised land" nearly every day. It would be a grotesque sight for you to see some of them, but we have become accustomed to see them.

Most of those who passed south this spring had good horses and many had good turnouts throughout but some who started early and encountered bad weather and cold nights put old rag carpets and old table oil cloth over their white wagon cover to make it warmer and less leaky to sleep in. They frequently stop at the store to make small purchases and enquire the best route and I find that they are of all classes - some very nice people and some of questionable reputation. Yesterday was the day for home-seekers to cross the line and select a claim. The papers estimate that there would be three times as many seeking for land as could be accomodated, and so there will be many disappointed ones. I fear there will be a great deal of trouble, suffering and possibly blood-shed.

P.S. — This unfinished sheet has been laid aside for over three weeks and I am tempted to burn it but thinking it may interest you even though it be late in coming I will send it. Tomorrow

Edward.

Emporia, Kas. May 15. 1889.

My Dear Sister.

I have been a long time answering your letter. Hope you will not be as slow in replying to this.

About three weeks ago Carroll and twelve other young men, members of his society, the "Adelphi" came from Emporia with teams to attend the closing meeting of our "Literary" He wrote us that they were coming so we forehand them a supper. They all took supper at our home Mrs. Dr. Moses helped, waited and served the refreshments. The college boys favored us with a number of songs and declamation at the school house which we all enjoyed. They all seemed to enjoy their visit here very much. They all returned that night.

About a week ago we had three days of high wind. The wind blew day and night

and finally culminated in rain. The wind did not subside however for some hours after the rain commenced. It was a week ago last monday night that we had the rain. I have noticed by the papers that in some places in Kansas and Nebraska the wind did much damage and some lives were lost. I was going to tell you what happend here. The wind had been blowing from the south but about 2.30 P. M. it turned to the west and blew the shutter of our west window shut with great force, which broke both panes of the upper half of the window, and at the same threw to the floor six cans of house-plants which were on the window. This all came at once and brought us to our feet from a profound sleep thinking that something worse had happened. No damage was done except the glass which was soon replaced the next morning.

Yesterday five line indians clad in red woolen blankets furnished them by the Govern=ment visited our store, begging. They were

very strong and healthy looking, but apparently too lazy to work and preferred to beg. They had a great many rings in their ears. Some of them had a three cornered hole cut in their ears for during. After they went away Robbie said "I was not so afraid of those indians as I would be of real indians that kill folks.

Our teacher, Mr. Howell has been sick and out of school for nearly two weeks. He has been troubled with erysipelas in his head and face. He is improving now but not strong enough to go into school work. I think it is decided that he will not teach any more this term as the school was to close this week friday. Robbie will be out of school then. Charlie and Edie are planting potatoes today. We have some ready for second hoeing. Charlie set out 185 cabbage plants and 65 tomato plants, and 100 sweet-Potato plants yesterday and the day before.

We have a fine prospect for peaches and

cherries, and the prospect for apples is fair. We have had a plenty of rain thus far this season and all crops look well.

I wish you could see Ray before he has his hair cut. He has such fine, flaxen, curly hair black eyes and fair complexion although he is out of doors much of the time. He goes up and down our long flight of stairs alone, and feels quite independent.

Last Saturday Charlie took the county examination at Emporia. If he has passed, we will know tomorrow, he gets a diploma which will admit him to the high school at Emporia or to a certain grade at the Normal. There were 43 from the various schools of the county who took the examination — 3 from our school.

I suppose you hear from Kavaloma often. I have not heard for a week or so. We all send love.

Edith Everett

Olhe, Kan. May 22, 1889.

Dear Brother & Sisters,

I received a good, full letter from you nearly a week ago including one of four full pages from Vilas, one of two full pages from Jennie, and a number of eastern letters which latter I will return with this. We were glad to hear thus directly and indirectly from our friends.

I have sent the express money order $13.50 to J. H. Butler and written him. Hope I shall hear from him in return.

Our school closed last friday. Mr. Howell has recovered from his sickness but has not fully recovered his strength or flesh. He did not go into school after he was taken sick so his school was 2½ weeks short of the other. Virginia had part in session at the close of the school — on last Tuesday owing to the storm and rain of friday.

Robbie got the prize (or is to recieve it) for having the most head marks in his class. Charlie took the final examination before the county Supt. of Pub. Instruction & others at Emporia about two weeks ago. He passed a good examination receiving an average of 86 in his grade. Out of 40 who were examined 27 passed. The three who went from this school all passed. Lottie and Arthur Moses were the other two. I intended to send you a copy of the paper with the names of those who passed but have lost it. I had two copies and have sent Anna one of them.

Carroll came home monday p. M. for supplies &c and returned that eve. He is working well. He brought a copy of the College catalogue which has his name in. I guess he will send you one. There commencement is two weeks from today. I suppose Charlie will want to attend, but I do not expect to.

Robbie and Charlie are up in the field plant=ing peas and beans, and Kay has just come down stairs (his mamma brought him) with clean dress of blue & white small check gingham and a clean blue

sunbonnet, and Eddie has gone with him to Dr. Moses to see the little puppies.

The Rev. Mr. Graham who is our present pastor is not the same person of whom you have heard us speak, but is just as good a man and preacher as he. This Mr. Graham is about 45 years of age, is lately from Oregon. Was married last Feb. to Miss Combs of Salina Saline Co. Kans. She served one or two terms as County Superintendent of Pub. Instruction in Saline Co. Her brother was to be ordained pastor of the Pres. ch. at Quenemo, Kan (near Ottawa) yesterday. The Emendans will are coming over tomorrow afternoon to make them a surprise. They are living where Mr. Friedline lived when you were here. Two of the Emendan men went to Emporia today to get them a folding couch which will be here in time for tomorrow P.M. I expect that the house will be more than full. I've noticed below Mr. Graham as a man and in my report and Mr. Marshall that he is officiated. Perhaps there is no comparison between the two. Mr. Graham

week and he has announced prayer-meeting for thursday eve this week which we hope to continue. Thos. Marshall is still at College, and expects to return next year.

We have heard nothing about new P. M. yet.

Mr. Howell was not as sick as I was as he was not confined to his bed at any time through the day. Was a little flighty at times. His hair is coming out some. He was very much opposed to taking much medicine and I think he was right.

I do not remember of hearing of a rainbow by moonlight before. I wish I might have seen it. I have seen a rainbow when no clouds were in sight at Lyons Falls caused by the sun shining through the spray. It was very beautiful — ever changing.

We have improved the looks of the room very much by kalsomining the ceiling and papering the sides and covering the old black boards, and

Jane scrubbed the floor and cleaned the casings & doors &c. also carpeted the sootroom. The room looks very much better.

We should be glad to read Anna's letter that Jennie spoke of but did not send. It has been some little time since we have heard from her. I think I answered her last letter but will try to write again, perhaps tomorrow. Today it has been remarkably quiet in the store. The farmers need to improve every pleasant day as we have had so much rain. One farmer said he had about 15 days in replanting his listed corn that had been washed out. The farmers about here have listed a greater part of their corn this year. Does John list any of his corn or has he had the ground all plowed and planted in the usual way. I think the planted corn will do the best this year.

This letter has the virtue of being long perhaps that is all that can be said in its favor.

Your brother,

Edward.

This came in yesterday's mail along with the others, & copy as promised. I thought the original would be more appreciated by Dear Sisters: Ray's cousin Billie wishes now that he was a double one, but he is getting blue quite a check as you see

Dear Sisters:

I wrote you all the news to date in my letter of yesterday, but I want to tell you of our new boarder who came at a quarter before twelve last night. Weight 7½ lbs. No name, but we think Ben or John would be quite proper. All are doing well, Du heide — Edward."

May 25.

P. M. — I went to the orchard just now and was surprised to see how much the peaches had grown during the rainy weather. Some of them are as large as those blue plums we used to have in the west orchard.

Olpe, Kan. June 10/89.

Dear Lizzie

We received Mary's good letter of the 7th inst. Saturday. I had not realized that I had been so long without writing. We are all well, but too busy this week to write much. Carroll came home Thursday. His grades came in last night. Mental Greek 96. Latin 93. English 95. Math. 100 Drawing 99. Biblical Study 95. Making a general average of 96. He is helping in the store now.

Mr. Howell gave Euphonic Hall room to stay for a few weeks.

Ray had the misfortune to tumble or rather roll down the out side stairs. He was somewhat frightened but not hurt much. He goes up and down both flights of stairs alone. The little fellow is still without a name. Is quite well. We have had so much rain that the corn is rather short and much too plentifull.

What a terrible flood they have had at Johnstown and that calamity was closely followed by the awful fire at Seattle W. T. &c.

In haste

Your brother

Edward.

Ulysses Ks, April 23/90.

Dear Sisters.

We are glad to know that L. E. expects to spend his summer vacation in Kansas. Sedan, the county seat of Chautauqua Co. is directly south of here 65 miles. We hope to have a call from him if possible.

Emma asks about the Live Stock Indicator. Griff. Jones takes the paper. We sell 13 lbs. Gran. Sugar for $1.00 I think the merchants who give 15 ℔ for $1.00 do not get the cost of the sugar

I could not get the Calendula here and do not suppose it would have done any good for I think we made a mistake when the wound was first dressed. She died last night. They put a cord around the foot just above the wound at first to stop the blood and this was left on too long. The circulation was not sufficiently restored. She suffered a great deal of pain for the past two days and I think finally died of lock-jaw. It is a pity but cannot be helped now. We have our experience for the cost of the animal

We are having a
nice rain just now.
It has been cloudy and
raining for a week last
night & today we are having
the nicest, warm rain of
the season. All well
as usual.

Your brother
Edward.

Olpe, Ks. June 12, 1870.

My Dear Sister

It is a long time since we have written to or received a letter from you. I believe Mary's letter informing of the death of John Shafer, which I believe I answered I noticed in the paper this week that a young man had been killed near Osawatomie at the raising of a barn. Perhaps you know of the place where it happened.

Have you heard from John Eddie lately? Would like

to know how he like his [illegible]k. Hope he can make us a visit before long.

Carroll came home last Friday. He is reading Caesar now during his vacation. This is something that omitted and has to make up now. You would be interested in looking over his Herbarium with its fifty specimens nicely mounted and described. He says his time has been fully occupied during the past year, but it does not seem to have hurt him as he is in very good health.

Mr. Howell has decided to take up the study of dentistry. He is now in the dental office of Dr. Murray

Emporia and intends to attend a dental school at Kansas City in the fall.

How is John's eyesight? Is it any worse than when I was there last December? What do you do with the milk now? Does it go to the factory? Butter has not been as low since we have been in Kansas as it is now. The buy good butter for 5 cts per lb and find difficulty in disposing of it even at that price. The pay 8 cts per Doz for Eggs.

This is the warmest day we have had this season. It is good weather for corn which is quite backward for the time of year.

Little Harry has not been well for the past week. He has just cut his fourth tooth and has another almost through. At first he was quite constipated. I gave him cham. For the past three days his bowels have been quite loose and he is better but quite worrisome.

Carroll has just received his grades. They are as follows Rank in Class 2. Greek 98. Latin 93. English 100 - Math 94. Biblical Study 93. General average 95.5

Your brother Edward.

Dodge, Ks. Aug. 8. 1890.

My Dear Sisters.

It seems a long time since we have heard from you. Hope you are all well. The long spell of hot dry weather has been rather severe on some constitutions. We are all pretty well except little Harry. He has not been well for over a month. He is much better than he has been, but looks rather puny. Weighs only 19 lbs. Is not

as strong to stand by a chair as he was six weeks ago. His teeth have not come through yet.

I went to Emporia last Sabbath and heard Rev. Dr. Charles Edwards, Principal of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth. He preached in English at 11 A.M. at the opera house to a crowded audience and at 3 P.M. at the welsh Pres. church. It was a great treat for me to hear him. I took dinner at Mr. Joseph C. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were well acquainted with cousin Thomas Everett and wife in 1851-2 when cousin Thomas was in business

on 11th St. Mrs. Jones visited the Edwards girls at Remsen about that time and went to Penyngynydd.

Carroll and Charlie drove out to their Griff's yesterday, also visited at Allen Eldridges. Mary and I hope to drive out to visit them while Carroll is at home. I have been there but twice since we came to Kansas. We have also planned a good many other visits or calls, to be made while Carroll is at home but his vacation is fast drawing to a close

The primary dep. of our School will open Sept. 15 and the advanced or

senior dep will open a month later.

I understand that the "Original Package" houses in Emporia and Topeka have all closed their doors, and this morning the one in Olpe closed up. I suppose it is in consequence of the conference committee in Congress on a bill which may have become a law by this time. Is it not possible that this "Original Package" scourge in Kansas - this unchaining for a short time of the demon;

this reminder of the dark
days of 1854–5 in Kansas
when the Border ruffians
from Missouri tried to take
this fair state for slavery,
And now the same element
have been trying to take
the same state for intemperance
Is it not possible, I say,
that this seeming triumph
may have so aroused the
public conscience that the
temperance cause may
have gained what it could
not have done in any other
way. We have at least
had a chance to observe
the contrast between living

under the Prohibitory law imperfectly observed as it is, and free whisky.

This is a very warm day. Merc. is 102 in shade Corn is drying up pretty bad but we in this section are much more favored than many.

Have you heard from Robbie lately? I would like to know if his wheat was an entire failure. I have been looking for a letter from J. E. at Sedan but have had no word for a long time. Hope he will visit us soon. Have you heard from Anna lately? or from Utica. I should like to know how cousin Alex is.

Hope we shall hear

from you before long to know how you all are.

I enclose $0.65 for sub. to The Ladies Home Journal which I promised to send a good while ago. Suppose you can use the stamps.

How is John's corn? will he have 25 bush to the acre? Has he a good lot of millet this year? Has he put up any hay yet? Is his eyesight any better?

Your brother,

Edward.

Olpe, Ks. Sept. 10/70.

My Dear Lida,

After writing you last little (that big one) I thought possibly you might think me more alarmed about little Harry, and that you also might be unduly alarmed. I wrote the more fully about him hoping that Mary might be able to give some advice but do not fear that he will not get well.

He likes to stand by the window but does not attempt to walk much even by a chair. He is as strong as he was two months ago but no stronger. Yesterday there was a lady in the store that told Mary she had a child that was troubled just as he has been with diarrhea all summer and when peaches were ripe she gave him a ripe peach every day and it cured him. So Mary selected a round, ripe peach and peeled it and gave it to him. He ate it with such relish and reached his hand

for more that she believed it could not hurt him. She also discovered a new tooth. Today he is better, and has had another peach. I do not think they hurt him, and I hope they may do him good.

We were quite busy yesterday. Sales, $70. of which $40. was cash. That is the best day we have had in a long time.

If Jennie has not used that duck I wish she would keep it and not get it cashed until Oct. 1 as we have a good deal to pay this month

and then I can have
the use of it until then.
If you have had it
cashed let it go but
please let me know.
In haste,

Your brother

Edward.

Olpe, Ks. Nov. 19/90.

My Dear Sister.

I think I am owing you two or three letters but will not stop to count up for fear this sheet will share the same fate as one which now lies before me bearing date Oct. 29 which I have seen every day since that but have not had the time to finish. I am not sorry to be busy, but I am sorry that I have been compelled to so neglect my correspondence. I do not know where to find John Eddie's and Anna's letters to return to you. We were very glad to get them. We have been keeping a better

stock of goods this fall than previously and have been gaining trade. Our sales thus far this year have been 45 per cent more than for the same time last year. So you know why I have been busy

Little Harry is getting along finely. He has four Molar teeth now. His stomach teeth show signs of coming. He was weaned about a month ago. He does not walk alone yet but goes around the room by chairs &c. but does not know much about creeping. Have not had his photo yet. Hope to soon, and then you shall have one. He does not try to talk yet — not even to say mama or papa but he does say me — me — me when

he sees what he wants. Ray talks quite plain. Mr. Ross asked him to go home with him one day. Ray said to him, "Have you got lots of boys?" He did not want to go where there were no boys to play with.

What does John and what do you all think of the result of the election. It was a surprize to most people. Think it will cause the Republican party to be more careful to do what is right.

After the rain and mud of last week we have had two of the nicest days of the year. Yesterday and today we have had the store doors all open, with no fire and were plenty warm enough with a thin summer coat on.

I was teaching Ray the other day to say "Grandma, Grandpa little Alton, but-the insisted on saying "How I wonder how we are." in the second line.

With regard to Apples for Robbie they would be hard to get here now at- 75 ct per bu. One car load was shipped from here about a month ago for which 60 ct was paid per bu.

I had the misfortune to lose my glasses about two months ago and had to get another pair. I got them when I went to Emporia to hear Sen. J.J. Ingalls

Did I tell you we have bought "Mollie", Cina's horse. She is a good traveler and perfectly safe.

Carroll has not been home but once this term. Expect him Thanksgiving. Robbie & Eddie got a letter from their aunt Jennie the other day which pleased them very much.

I can indorse Robbie's account for Thanksgiving, Grandpa little Alton, but-the insisted on saying "How I wonder how we are." in the second line.

I enclose check for $4.20 for ind.: or $60. to Nov. 10/90.

I must close as it is most 10 P.M.

Love from all

Edward

Alpha. Ks. May 21/91.

My Dear Sister.

We received your letter on monday. Am glad you had that short visit from John Eddie - but it was very short.

It seems hard to know that Jennie suffers so much, and that so little can be done to relieve the trouble with her bowels. I know you are doing all that any one can do for her. I wish I might visit you but do not know as I could do any good if I should come to see you all.

Let us trust our Heavenly

Father who is an ever present help in every time of need.

I hope you will be able to get more rest yourself than you have of late.

We are all well and are having a heavy rain which is filling up the creeks & ponds and doing a vast amount of good to the crops.

Your brother,
Edward.

Winter wheat is about ready to harvest but we are having so much rain that it cannot be cut. The crop is good here. Your brother will send love
Edward.

Olpe, Ks. June 19. 1891.

My Dear Sisters,

I feel condemned for not answering Anna's letter of the 8th inst. and my only excuse is that I have not been as well as usual since returning from Osawatomie until within two or three days. Now I am feeling quite well.

We were very glad to get Anna's letter with account of the services and naming relatives pres= =ent &c. It was the first of those sad occasions that I have not been present except the funeral of sister Elizabeth. Yes, there are but a few left

on this side of the river, of our large family. How well I remember when I was taught to repeat- "father, mother, Elizabeth John, Robert &c" It was quite a long list, but now so short.

The floral tokens must have been very beautiful and the hymns so appropriate

I hope you are getting over your cold and that Mary is getting rested. We hope to hear from her before long. I am glad you have a horse to use this summer or until haying. Perhaps you can get him again after harvesting. if you stay there.

Anna's account of her old pets, cat and hen, was quite pathetic. It made me wish

that we could lend you two of our pets (boys) for a few weeks. Any two of the six would enjoy it so much if it were only feasable.

May we not hope to see you both in Kansas this fall? Remember, Anna, our offer to you still holds good. We would like very much to have you come and spend a year with us. We would like to have Mary too but suppose she would prefer to be in a larger place!

I have just written to John Eddie and must write to brother John before I stop.

The ladies Missionary Society of Elmendaro Presbyterian were to meet here today. It was bright and sunny

all morning but commenced raining about 1 30 P. M. and still rains so they will not come.

Charlie had planned to drive to Emporia this P. M. to attend the annual graduating exercises of the County common schools. He graduated two years ago. He was determined to go and started in the rain. Will home to ride all the way in the rain. Mary, Carroll and the boys are looking over wild gooseberries in the front of the store, that the boys picked yesterday. They are very plenty. Cherries are plenty at 5 cts per qt. We have new potatoes from our garden and peas, beans, onions, beet greens, lettuce, radishes &c. in abundance from our garden.

Alpe, Ks. Sept. 22, 91

Dear Sisters,

Your letter from each of you of date Sept. 9, were duly received also a postal next day and later came the cloak and thimble you sent by mail. I know, I ought to have replied sooner but I have been quite busy. We are quite disappointed in not seeing you here this fall. You will have a very pleasant place to spend the winter at Hillsdale, and perhaps you can see your way clear to come to Kansas another

fall. Possibly you may conclude yet to come here this fall

Sept. 25 — I have not been very well for a week past, and therefore this letter has been laid aside. I am much better today — in fact about well. Received your letter from A. G. Wills, and last one received your postal Sept. 22 from Ypsilanti. I am glad you had a pleasant journey. but it is a pity you could not have made the trip by daylight. We shall expect the promised letter in a few days. I think it is time that I completed my summer vacation from letter writing. It seems hard work to get

at it again.

I am glad that you had the business of proving the will attended to and finished before leaving New York, and that Mr. Lewis was so kind in attending to it for you without pay for his services. There will be six months' interest due Anna on the $1075. we have, Oct. 1st. I will try to send it at that time.

Sept. 28 – It seems very difficult for one to get this letter finished, but rather than to commence another one I will finish this and send it.

Yours of 24th inst. came this morning and the mortgage and note

I do not understand why you send it to me. It is not paid. Please explain.

You say You have had very warm weather. I think the heat has been more oppressive here during the last two weeks than at any time this summer. Yesterday we had a little rain, and today is cooler.

I am glad John is intending to have his eye operated upon next month. It is so hard for him to be deprived of his Eyesight and to have such poor hearing.

We are all pretty well now and send Love to you both and to our other relatives
Your brother, Edward.

Clyde, Kan. Oct. 9. 1891

My Dear Lizzie,

Your good letter of the 5th reached us at 5 P. M of the 7th. It came more quickly than letters from Remsen. This is a reminder that you are nearer to us than you were. I am, indeed, disappointed that we are not to have a visit from you this year, but perhaps it is too much to expect you to come now this fall.

We were sorry to hear that Anna had taken cold. Hope it has entirely left here ere this. I am feeling quite well now. Just before my last letter I had been having trouble with my stomach and bowels but

not- keep me from the store..
We have not- taken inventory
as you thought. Our time for
that- is the last- of July.

I am glad you have had
such a nice visit- at- Ypsilanti. and also that- Mary
was able to visit- Ann Arbor.

I want- to thank you, Anna
for canceling that- debt- of
$60. and returning note and
mortgage. I did not- expect-
you to do so. Such kindness
is unmerited- on my part-.
As to the interest- due
you Oct- 1. if I do not-
send it- in this letter
I will send it- in a
few days. As regards
money with me, the
demand is greater than
the supply as we have

about- $300. to pay in the next- week. Business is about- the same as it- was last fall. I think the prospect- is a little better than it- was a year ago.

Next- Tuesday will be our 22nd Anniversary and Ray will be four years old. He is a stout-, romping boy. You would hardly know him May with his short-hair. Last- Sunday morning his mother was quite sick, and I built- a fire in the sitting room for her to lie on the couch and she stayed there until Charlie had got- the dinner ready about- 2 P.M. when she was feeling much better and as she came out-

into the kitchen, Ray looked up to her and asked "Have you got- through sick-ing mama?" She was much better after dinner and rode out- in the evening and well enough to wash all- 5 the next- morning. As we were riding out- I called Ray's attention to the beau=tiful, new moon - (I think it was the smallest- I had ever seen) Ray said, "We got- two moons, that- big one over there (meaning the sun) blowed out-, and this one comed up.

I have not- heard from John or John Eddie for a long time and I guess it-

is all my fault- I am very glad John is going to Chicago to have that operation performed. If your letter to John should cause him to change his plans and go to Ann Arbor you will both have the pleasure of seeing the two Johns. Does John Eddie expect to go on to New York to College or return to his work at Anthon?

It must have been very interesting for you to be present at the 10th anniversary of the Church

Your brother
E. W. Everett

Olpe. Kan. Nov. 7/91.

My Dear Sister.

I am sending you P.O. Order 28.71 to pay Anna's interest on $1075.00 which is ——— $37.63

Less Mary's 4c 9.94
" Shawl. Hose 90. 12. 1.02 8.92

$28.71

If the price of the small pair Hose is not correct will Mary please let me know as I do not remember. Please pardon my delay in sending the int. Will try to do do better in the future.

We are all quite well. Mary and I drove to Emporia in the Card yesterday. We

roads are grand. Too fine for our business, but we enjoy them all the same. We have two cows that we milk and have all the cream and milk that we want to use and make all our own butter.

We are anxious to know how you both are. We also want to know if John has been to see you or if he has returned home. Where is Eddie? I rec'd. one letter from John from Chicago and answered it.

We are all rejoicing over the collapse of the Alliance bubble. It was made of soft soap and made a big smell last year in

Kansas. They had about two thirds of the votes of Lyon County last year, and this year the republicans have elected the whole county ticket by 600 to 800 maj. We regret that New York has again elected a democratic governor.

I wonder if you are having such fine weather as we are. We had just a little fire in the store early this morning and since nine A.M. we have had the doors open and need no fire. I wish you were here to enjoy it with us.

We all send love, and hope to hear from you soon.

Your brother,

Edward.

Olpe, Ks., Dec 3, 1891

My Dear Sister,

Your letter of 12th ult. is still unanswered. I wish I could just drop in and visit with you awhile this afternoon. It is many years since I have seen Lizzie, and I have never seen her two girls. They are now young ladies, are they not? I am glad you had a visit from Jno. Eddie if it was short. Perhaps we shall be favored with a visit from him before the winter is passed.

Carroll and one of his class-mates, Tom Marshall, spent their Thanksgiving vacation with us.

They were here from Wednesday
eve until Sat. morning. Carroll
had to return then so as to meet
with the choir to practice Saturday P. M.
The Emporia College hereafter are
to take Mondays for rest-day instead
of Saturday. Carroll is to take
part in the local oratorical
contest which will take place
Sat. eve. Dec. 19. There are
~~six~~ eight contestants. viz U.C. Cook
Jr. Bitton. Everett. U.C. Byers. Bushnell
Carle. Carroll does not
expect to get the first place
as Mr. Cook and Byers are
seniors. He is hoping that
Cook will take the first place
and then be the representa-
tive of C.O. of E. at the state
contest at Topeka. Carroll
had not completed his oration
when he was home.

I hope you have both got over your cold, so that you can get out more than you have. Do you have any snow yet? We have had neither rain or snow for a number of weeks until last night it rained a little. Today the wind has turned and is now coming from the north, colder. The roads have been excellent all fall. We are all well except that Charlie and I have slight colds. Charlie helps me in the store. Robbie and Eddie help me do the chores, at the barn. This morning they swept the store while the rest of us were eating breakfast.

I hope the climate of Michigan will agree with you, Anna, and that you

will venture farther next another year. I do not think Mate's health was any better for the first few months in Kansas, but after she had been here a year she began to improve.

We hope to hear again from you soon. Love from each and all

From brother,

Edward.

Olpe, Ks. Dec 19, 1891.

My Dear Sisters,

Your letter to me was rec'd a week ago yesterday, and yours to Charlie came on Wednesday last. Glad to know you have both disposed of your colds.

I received a letter from John this week. He seems to be in good spirits. Have not heard from John Edaie. Perhaps he is waiting to get more settled in his plans. I have a copy of the Westminster Confession of Faith but cannot find it or I would send it to you. I think the present discussion

about-~~the~~ it will tend to awaken more thought- on the fundamental principles of christianity and thus prove of permanent good.

Charlie and I attended to "contest-" last-eve. I will enclose a copy of the pro- -gramme and also a Carnth oration. He did very well in delivery. But- none of the four sophomores recd prizes. Mr. Cook, senior took first- prize $25. and Thos. will represent C. of E. in the state contest at Eureka next-Feby. Mr. Hibbard took second prize $15. He is a junior. Mr Byers, senior, took third prize $5. It was about two o'clock this morning when we got home

Robbie was ten years of age last-Monday. Ray has just-got-his first-pair of pants of which he is very proud.

We are having beautiful sunny weather, with good roads most-of the time. I supppose Charlie will answer your letter soon He received the $1.00 and selected some little presents for the children at-Emporia but-I will let-him tell you how he used. We all wish you a ~~Merry~~ merry christmas and Happy New year

Your brother,
Edward.

P.S.- I enclose 18 cts for balance on that - for hose. I did not remember which pair of them were set.

Olpe. Kas. Jan 6/92.

Dear Brother & Sister.

Mary's letter reached us this morning. We are very sorry to learn of John's sickness, and also glad to know he is in such good hands. I suppose John Eddie is there by this time, is he not. Hope that you, Mary can stay a few days and that Anna will not suffer in your absence. We shall be anxious to hear often how John is getting along. We received a good, long letter from John a few weeks ago which I have

not answered, but
will try and do so soon.

Carroll had a slight attack of La Grippe while at home last week. He had severe pain in his back and felt much as he did when he had it last winter. He took a hot foot bath just before retiring and took a good sweat and was much better next day. He was feeling quite well when he returned to school last monday. I will enclose a copy of his oration and the programme. One of the judges on delivery, Rev. J. G. Cunningham, of Ottawa, ranked him first. Last Mr. Cork took first prize $25 and Hibbard ~~Byers~~ took second $15.

and Byrne, 3rd. p.5.
Carroll is not at all discouraged. Many of his friends that heard him think he should have been awarded second place. He goes to Topeka in Feb. as a a delegate from Co E. to the state oratorical contest.

We are all quite well. Had a good warm thunder shower during the last six hours of 1891 and the first four or five of 1892. Sunday it was quite cold. Today it is sunny with north wind. Merc. at about 20 above zero. The roads are not very good since the rain. Hope we

shall hear soon that John is better.

We want to thank you, Mary, and Anna also for those cute little presents which came on the morning of the second.—

I have brightened my glasses, as you suggest, Mary, But the world still looks as flat as a prairie.

I must close now and try to get this off by this evening mail. We all send love to each one of you and to cousin Mary Ann.

Your brother Edward.

Olpe, Ks. Feb. 4. 1892.

Dear Sisters.
Mary & Anna,

It has been a long, long while that I have neglected writing to you and others, and high time to resume.

I have been quite busy for the past three weeks taking inventory &c & c, and most of the time Charlie has been working at the hay press, leaving me alone in the store. I have now completed the invoice and find that we have made a living and a little above our expenses the

past year.

We were very glad to get Alpha's letter to Charlie the other day and the one from Frankie, which latter I return with this.

We are sorry to learn that Brother John has been so slow recovering. Wish John Eddie would call on us on his return to Harper

We have all escaped the Grippe so far this winter and are pretty well.

Carroll came home last Saturday, his 21st birthday and stayed over the Sabbath. He has changed his boarding place as Mr. Traylor is soon to move to his farm near Hutchinson. Carroll's address is now 1113 Neosho St.

We have been having such fine weather for two weeks that farmers have done a good deal plowing. It is raining today.

In haste
Your brother
Edward

Olpe, Ks. March 4/92

My Dear Sister,

The last letter we received from you is dated Feby. 6, is unanswered. Suppose you are still at Hillsdale. How long will you remain there? Will you return to New York this spring or may we expect you out here in Kansas this spring? If you do not come this spring perhaps you will come in the Fall and spend next winter with us. We are anxious to hear how you both are.

We have had a promise of a visit from John Eddie on his return to Harper Co. but do not know just when.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Clarence Williams Will Ella remain at Rome, or will she move back to Utica Cousin Alex. has been a great sufferer for many years

We received a copy of the Boonville Herald which you sent to Charlie. There seems to be more sickness and deaths east this winter than with us. Did you see an account of the death of Rev. Richard Isaac and his wife of Pine Spring, Iowa?

Mrs. Howell, who boarded with us for three years

will graduate at the Dental College of Chicago this month. He attended the Dental College at Cincinnati, O. one year and Chicago this year. Do not know where he will locate.

We have indications of an early spring. Farmers have much more plowing done than is usual at this season, and they expect to sow oats in a few days. Charlie is preparing to make garden. Carroll will be home for spring vacation March 16. Robbie and Eddie will be out of school for the summer vacation in about a month. Ray and Harry are well. They are never ~~sat~~ contented

to be long separated.

Charlie is at home and in the store most of the time. Hay pressing is not in progress now.

Hope for a letter from you soon

Love from us all

Your brother.

Edward.

Alpe. K. Mch. 10/92

My Dear Sistus,

Your letter of 3rd inst- was received last- thursday. We were glad to hear from you again. I am sorry I cannot send you the shoes you ordered. Think it would be better for you to get a pair there.

John Eddie surprized us by putting in an appearance last- night about- 9.30 We had just- had a letter from him saying that he hoped to visit us -

before long but- did not know just- when. He is on his way to Anthony for his books &c. He is looking quite well.

We are all usually well. Are having a reminder of winter with mercury at- 18 above zero and wind from the north. The sun shines brightly however and we know that- spring will soon return.

Will send you draft- for semi annual int:- which is due April 1st- in a few days.

With much love

Your brother

Edward.

Olpe, Ks., May 2/92

My Dear Sister,

Anna's good letter of 29th. inst. received this morning. Am very sorry that I have not been prompt in remitting the int. but at no time during the last month could I conveniently have sent you the whole. I now send you $15. and will try to send you the balance in a few days.

Am very glad you have had that visit with John Eddie, and that he is liked,

to locate so near you
I hope he will be
contented with his new
field and surrounding
and prove to be a
useful man in the right=
place. We enjoyed his
short visit with us
so much.

We too are having a
late spring. Grass is not
sufficient yet to dispence
with feeding. We have
had an unusual number
of cloudy days this spring
Charlie, with the
help of Robbin and Eddie
have a nice garden
made. Peas. Beans, potatoes
& c are up. Charlie
has been earning a
little money of late by

loading cars with baled hay; at which he earns about $1.00 per day. The expect Carroll to spend next Sabbath at home. We are all well. Hope you, Anna, will not have any more of those attacks of hemorrhage, and that you will improve more rapidly when the weather settles for summer. I think it is wise for you to remain there another year without going back to New York

We send love to you both and to our other friends at Hillsdale.

Your brother.
Edward.

1.30 P.M.

Osawatomie Feby 3/93

Dear Sister

I found John a considerable better than he was when Robbie sent me the dispatch but he is not out of danger. It is difficult to determine what will be the result. John says he is a good deal weaker than he was when sick at Chicago. He does not sit up. Do not think he is strong enough to sit up. He takes nourishment, beef tea or the like or toast

every two hours. I just gave him a small section of a sweet-orange which he seemed to relish. His mind is very clear all the time. He has not forgotten to joke. Horace Barnard came in a few minutes ago and stepping to his bedside asked him how he was feeling. John waited a few moments and then said. "I want to who I am talking to first."

Dr. Hayes was here after I came. He says he thinks his sickness is the result of the sickness at Chicago, and says his right-lung is seriously affected.

the says the difficulty in the lung is of a progressive form. She he may get up again but that he will not be strong again

The neighbours are all very kind to watch with him day and night

John Eddie has telegraphed that he will be here at noon tomorrow. I brought Mary's letter of Feb 1. to Robbie when I came from the post-office.

This is a bright sunny day but cold does not thaw much

Robbie is going to town with this letter this P.M. Must close now. Love from your brother

Edward

Osawatomie, Ks. Feb. 3/93

My Dear Sister,

I arrived here at 5 A.M. in response to telegram yesterday that John was worse. Have just had breakfast and now waiting for day light before starting out. Hope I shall find John better. The weather is pretty severe. I had not heard of John's sickness until I recd the telegram. And an hour later I got two letters from Robbie and Annie. Left with 30 ℔ left. Charlie is at home. They are all well.

Your brother,
Edward.

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268 West St N. — Hillsdale

Mich.

Readsdale Ala. Feb. 4/93 10 A.M.

John is weaker than yesterday but otherwise much the same. We do not have much hope that he will get up again. The Dr. says he may live a number of days and may drop off soon. We expect Jr. Eddy at noon today. John does not seem to in much pain

Lastly J. Edward

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Miss A. L. Everett
Hillsdale
Mich.

68 West Main St.

Olpe Ks. Feb. 12/93

My Dear Sister.

Anna's letter was forwarded to me from Osawatomie. I left there last monday noon and got home at 11 30 that night. Train was late on account of a wreck just south of Olpe on last Sunday.

I left John somewhat improved, and you have doubtless been kept informed as to his continued improvement since then. When I wrote you the

hospital just before John Eddie came we were all very much alarmed about John but I now feel quite hopefull that he will get up again. He is sick in his own log cabin. The room was re-lined and had a new floor put in it a year ago so it was quite comfortable. He has the same old cook stove, however, but with a plenty of wood it is kept quite warm. I was quite impressed with the kindness and willingness of the neighbors to come in and watch with and assist in caring for John. Robert and Libbie

are also doing all in their power to make him comfortable. I am very glad John Eddie can be with him. His coming did more to cheer him than anything else could.

I have been pretty busy since my return trying to catch up with my work. Charlie did not return until Tuesday evening. We expect him home again next Saturday evening.

We are all well and send love to you both and to Lizzie and the children.

Your brother,

Edward.

Olpe, Ks. July 27. 1894.

My Dear Sisters,

I commenced a letter to you more than a month ago - soon after receiving the Utica paper announcing the death of Uncle Hughes, but, like so many good resolutions, it was not carried to a finish. We were not surprized to learn of his death. One more of our dear relatives has joined the loved ones in heaven to swell the chorus of redemption. In God's own time we too will join them if we are faithful and faint not.

We are anxious to know of your plans for going east. If you have already gone this will follow you I suppose. I hope Mary is much better than when you wrote

last. Hope you are both enjoying the summer weather. We want to know also of the welfare of John Eddie and family. How is baby and all.

We are all at home now. Carroll and Charlie are doing most of the work ~~in~~ the store and I am resting I am feeling better than I was last summer. I am troubled some with rheumatism in my left hip but is better than it was in the winter.

Carroll is also better than he was through the winter. But he still has trouble with his back. Dr. Wieffert who has and is treating him says it a nervous trouble and a lack of ~~proper~~ proper circulation. I hope he will get over it before he goes to the seminary this fall. I believe he is writing you a letter to go with this.

We are having very warm, dry weather The merc. has reached 100 every day for about a week and one day it went to 102. The very fine prospect which the farmers had two weeks ago is seriously hurt by the dry weather. But we are hoping and praying for rain to come soon. If it comes in two or three days we

will still have a good deal of corn

The boys are all pretty well and are enjoying their vacation. this week in flying kites. Mary is pretty well. She does not need to help in the Store now. It keeps her pretty busy to keep the little boys in clothes and in cooking for us all.

We had our annual school election yesterday. we were not expecting the catholics to come out and so did not get our force out to vote but they, the catholics were on hand just the same and I was elected clerk for three years by 33 against 32. I got two of the catholic votes which just elected me. We will have 8 months school and our school board is all protestant. The democrats have not got the postoffice yet: They have been pretty good to me so far

I hope we shall hear from you again before long.

Love from each of us to you both

From brother

Edward.

Olpe, Kan 10/20/94

Dear Sister,

We were very sorry to learn by John Eddie letter of Mary's sickness. Sickness is never welcome, - especially so when one has a certain line of action planned which seems to be imperitive, but the better may for us to do in such a case is to submit and make the best of it. I hope and trust, Mary, that you will soon be up and able to travel, and that you will try to not

worry. but trust that all is for the best.

We have been having very mild weather for the past two weeks. Some day it has been most too warm for comfort. We do not need any fire in the store. It is bright and sunny nearly every day. The roads are excellent.

Carroll is improving slowly. He helps in the store most of the time. He has gained 4 lbs. since Sept. 1st. I hope he will be in good health by next fall. Robbie has not been very well for the past month. We first thought he had been poisoned by gathering pan-pans, as his face

smelled. Afterwards we concluded it was roseola, Salie. He has been having fever towards evening, better in the morning. Not much appetite. He also has rheumatism in his limbs. He stayed out of school a week but has been in school this week. He is not as stout and ragged as Eddie. We have never had Harry's picture but hope to one of these days.

We all feel much interested in politics this fall and watch with interest the movements in New York as well as Kansas and also in all the states. We have

had quite enough of the "Calamity", "Reform", kind of State government in Kansas, and I think New York State and the City need a change

We shall be anxious to hear often how Mary is and hope Anna will write us a postal if not a letter often.

Did John Eddie return home last week as he expected?

We all send love

Your brother
Edward.

Olpe, Ks. Dec. 15/94.

Dear Sisters,

We were very glad to learn by your (Anna's) letter to Carroll that you are getting along so well — that Mary has so far recovered that she can go out to eat Thanksgiving dinner &c. It reminds me of the time that I went out to a large wedding anniversary at Milton Clarks soon after I had the Typhoid fever. I was very weak and ought-

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not to have gone but
fortunately it did
me no harm. Hope
you will not overdo.
I think it is wiser
for you to stay there
until spring than to
undertake to go back to
Merrill this winter.
We have a new
barn in place of the
one burned. It is the
same size. We have
a cow now. Have
been without a cow
for about two years. We
find it a great help
to have a plenty of milk
This is a dreary
saturday. Raining
all day so far. Expect
it will turn into snow

We have had but-
one snow storm yet-
when it snowed about-
1½ inches which all
disappeared in two or
three days.

We are to have
Christmas exercises and
a tree at Olpe. Carroll
has charge of the Cantata
He meets with the childrn
about three times a
week to drill them in
singing &c. Charlie
will be home for
vacation at that time.

Robbie was thirteen
yesterday. The children
are quite interested
just now in playing
authors with a game
they got in a package

wood and that. you will keep from colds.
of Lion Coffee. Harry
had a little
think he can play
as well as any of
them. Carroll was
quite amused the
other day to see him
pick out the cards
he called for. He can
not read. Does not
know his letters, but
he remembered the
different cards by
the pictures, which
he had observed as
the other boys were
playing.

I suppose you
are having snow and
cold weather now. Hope
you have a plenty of coal and

Olpe, Ks, Jan 7/95

My Dear Sister,

We have not heard from you for about three weeks, and hope you have had a pleasant time during the holidays, but feel anxious to know how you got along during the extreme cold of Dec. 27th. that the paper, tell of. We had two cold nights, 29 & 30th I think. The first night was windy and was down to 4 above in the morning. the Some

plants we had left in the front store window got frosted. The next morning the Merc. was at zero with no wind. We had about two inches of snow last week but it is nearly all gone. The weather is mild now.

Charlie was home for about ten days vacation. during which time we took our invoice so as to have his help. Then we butchered two hogs, and had him stay to help make sausage etc. He went back sat. evening. We are all well except that the oldest and the youngest, Carroll and

Harry have colds.

Hope we shall hear from you soon and that you are no worse for the cold weather.

With love to you both from your brother

E. W. Everett

Olpe, Ks April 19/95

My Dear Sisters,

I hope it has not inconvenienced you to wait until now for the interest due on Apr. 1. until now. I enclose a P.O. Money order for the amount $37.63

Two weeks ago today we had high wind from the So. east all day which was worse after sunset. At nine oclock it took the tin roof off the front half of our

alone. The wind quieted down soon after that. Fortunately for us it did not rain that night to do us any harm. The next morning we had a temporary roof put on — two layers of one inch boards as it rained a little nearly all morning. But we got a new tin roof on before we had any serious rain. We were a little frightened but not hurt when the roof went off as it made a noise like thunder

I am having a little trouble with my

right hand. About two months ago a boy brought me a cat (half grown) in a sack. I reached my hand in to take her out and she "went for me" as was her costome with mice. She bit my hand in three places. I washed my hand in salt water and it healed up in the course of two weeks without being much sore but about two weeks ago those places began to swell and fester. I have been bathing my hand in hot water several times a

day and it is better now. I think it will soon be well.

We have a fine garden planted this spring Carroll has done most of the work. It has been an exceptionally good season for putting in crops as the ground is in fine condition. We are needing rain now. The little boys will be out of school in two more weeks. We all keep busy most of the time. Hope we shall hear from you soon.

Your brother, E. W. Everett

Olpe, Ks, May 6, 1895.

My Dear Sister,

Your joint letter which brought the medicine (Hepar Sulp. and Apis mel) has been lying on my desk awaiting my reply until today, when Charlie came home, and he took it up stairs to read. Now he has gone to sleep on the couch and I don't want to wake him to get the letter. Charlie will go back to his school tomorrow morning. Carroll started for Hutchinson to attend the

Musical Jubilee which begins tomorrow (Tuesday) and closes on friday. The Euphonia choruses had a concert at the Opera house last friday evening to help defray their expenses at Hutchinson.

Thank you, Mary for sending the medicine and for what you wrote concerning my sore hand. I have taken the medicine as faithfully as I could - took the pellet, dry. I put salt pork on the sores the first night after receiving your letter. They had already begun to improve, except the little finger. The bites were on my thumb index finger and little finger Dr. Brainard lanced my little

finger but it did not discharge much. This cat bite has been my right-hand subject of thought and conversation for about three or four weeks but the sores are all getting well now. The best treatment I could give them was to soak them in warm water night and morning or oftener having the water as warm as I could bear it. And using bread and milk poultices. Many ask about the past history or antecedents of the cat. She was a wildcat when the boy brought her to me. I dont think it was ever a pet cat. It might have been brought up among the cannibals

I received a letter from John Eddie a few days ago saying that he expected soon to visit Kansas to see his father and he hoped to visit us at that time. He has not been here in three years. It would visit him if he could secure a field of labor in Kansas not too far from Osawatomie. I hope that he may do so and perhaps you too may come to Kansas. Shall we not hope to see you here before another winter?

Hope we shall hear from you again before long. Will write you long letter. Your brother and sister. Edward & Mary

and that one of Ray and Harry which we sent you. They have changed the position of the latter so that the boys heads are the same height and just them leave together taking the arm, and just taking the bust. We have these two pictures hung in the store nicely framed and the are admired by all.

Our school closed last Friday. The little boys are all at home now. Wish we could turn them loose on Steuben hills for a few days. They would make you twice happy

We rent the building that we occupy so that the new tin roof was not at our expense. This properly has suffered a considerable from the elements during the past six months. The burning of the barn on which they had but $50. insurance the new one costing $115. and the roof blowing off.

I wish you could see Carroll's garden. It is fine but it need rain.

We were sorry to learn of cousin Mary's sickness Hope her visit to the sea side may prove beneficial

Mary has a nice flower bed on the north of the store, just outside of the walk, which is about four feet wide and thirty feet long. She has just set out her plants. She kept a good many of her plants through the winter but a number of them were frozen as we did not burn hard coal. We were at the greenhouse at Emporia last week. She said she wished you could be there to see them with us. Harry was with us. He had never seen anything like it before.

I would have written to you sooner but it was painful to use my hand

in writing as the sore on my thumb was on the knuckle and that was the worse sore. I want to tell you that the cat, after practicing on the few mice we had in the store has left for parts unknown.

We have made arrangements with Foster's Art College St. Louis to photos enlarged and done in crayon so that we can have a picture enlarged for each of our customers ~~by paper~~ when they trade to the amount of $10. Size of pictures to be 20 x 26 inches. As samples we have Carroll's.

Olpe, Ks. June 19, 1895

My Dear Sister

It has been
a long time since we
have heard from you—
about two months I think.
and I am anxious to know
how you are. Did you
suffer during the extreme
heat which the New York
papers speak of. It was
quite warm and dry with
us in May. but so far June
has been a delightful month,
just enough rain and the
finest kind of weather for

crops.

It was a sad accident and wonderfully narrow escape when John's house burned. He was recovering from his burns when we last heard. When John Eddie wrote last he was making plans to move to Kansas but I do not know as he has come yet or not.

Perhaps you have seen an account in the papers of the tornado that passed through the edge of Hartford on monday last. Eleven houses were blown down and 14 persons were more or less injured, none killed four of them seriously. Mary and I drove to Emporia that

afternoon intending to
return that evening. The
tornado was at Hartford
at 4.30 just about half
an hour after we reached
Emporia. It was plainly
seen from Olpe, and
also from the top of the
building at Emporia but
we did not see it. The
storm area was about
300 feet in width. It
formed a few miles
south west of Hartford
and raised about 2 or
3 miles north east of that
place. It commenced
raining about 7.30 P.M.
We did not return from
Emporia until next morning.

There has been a business change in Olpe during the last month. Mr. Arnold has traded his store and stock of goods and dwelling for a 309 acre farm in Anderson Co. near Garnett. The man he traded with is an eastern man who has lived in Kansas for 30 years. Adams by name. an artist and farmer and a good business man. His wife is from Western N.Y. They are Presbyterians. We think they are very nice people. Mr. Arnold has moved onto his farm and his brother is attending to the duties of P.M.

Eddie has been having the Hooping cough and Ruth & Harry have showed

some signs of it but neither Eddie nor they have had it hard.

Mary has been troubled with headache a great deal this spring and summer. She is much better when in the open air. So now that Charlie and Carroll are both at home we go out for a short ride every evening when we can.

Are you still living at the old home? Do you have a horse to drive when you want to ride out? We would like to know how you are doing.

Carroll is much better than a year ago but still has that trouble with his back. Hopes to go to the Sem. this fall. Is more inclined to Princeton than McCormick. I think he will go to Princeton

Charlie is very anxious to return to Emporia College in Sept. to keep along with his class but it will be quite difficult for us to spare both of the boys and to spare the means to keep him there. Do not know yet how it will be.

How is cousin Mary Lewis? In your last you said she was going to the sea shore for her health.

Do you have any garden?

Our garden is getting along in fine shape. New potatoes are quite good now. The first crop of peas is about gone. We will have squash by Saturday. Our corn is too high to cultivate, but the boys are going through it with hand hoes again. The strawberry season was longer this year than last. We had a few in our garden but not enough for our own use. We had berries brought to the store for three weeks at 8 cts per box and we sold them at 10 cts or 3 boxes for a quarter. Some days we took in and sold 60 qts. Cherries are

coming in now, and in a few days red raspberries will be ripe. We have the promise of an abundant crop of grapes also a good crop of peaches but apples will be light. Plumbs are plenty and are getting ripe.

I hope we shall hear from you soon. Possibly there may be a letter in transit for us now.

We all send love

Your brother,

Edward.

Olpe, Kas. July 5, 1895.

My Dear Sisters,

We all enjoyed reading your good, long letters received about ten days since after the long silence. You gave us Osawatomie news that we had not heard before, John was burned much worse than I had supposed His escape was wonderful. It seems to be providential that John Eddie and family are with him to share the burden and care of the

farm and plan for the future as well as to care for him. It is not strange that he is discouraged and low spirited.

We passed the "glorious fourth" very quietly here which ended up with an all nights rain during which about two inches of water fell. And today we all feel like celebrating the fifth for its glorious rain, which, although it did not fall on parched ground, it has wonderfully increased the prospect of an abundant corn crop. The crops look remarkably fine now.

I forgot to write you about the sack full of hair

stones that I saw in Emporia about the 5th of June which had been shovelled up from a ravine near Americus that day where there was a bank of hail stones three or four feet deep on that day. The hail storm occurred over four weeks before that, during which the hail fell to the depth of 18 inches on the level and drifted into the ravines to the depth of 6 to 8 feet. The hail, or some of it, remained in this ravine during weeks of summer weather when the mercury was as high as 80 to 90 deg. at times. I could not believe

the story of the hail until I saw that sack of hail.

Anna said she wished she could come in and enjoy some of our rides with us. She would be very welcome but I fear she would stand a poor show of even "standing room" when we are taking some of our short rides as we have only one horse and a road wagon or "buggy" as we used to call it, with canopy top. Sometimes we take Harry with us in front and one or two of the other boys behind.

We are having fine, ripe peaches in great plenty now. They are not storing this year. Price 50 cts per bush. They are very nice for present use but the late ones are much nicer for canning. I wish we could set a bushel of them in your room just now.

Did you ever hear of the "Electrophoise" a device for supplying the human system with oxygen by means of electricity for sale by Dubois & Webb 509 Fourth Ave. Louisville Ky. It is recommended for various

diseases. Mr. Ray has tried it for rheumatism and has faith that is helping him. The instrument costs $25. or rents four months for $10. with knowledge of buying by sending additional $17.50 We are thinking of trying it. Do you know anything about it? It is advertized in the Herald & Presbyter.

Your brother.

E. W. Everett

Olpe, Ks. July 24. 1895.

Dear Sister.

We were very sorry to learn that Mary is sick, Shall be very anxious to hear again to know how you both are getting along. It is very fortunate for you both that cousin Jennie is with. I always think of her as a ministering angel always helping some one who is in sickness a trouble.

I hope you, Anna, will not overtax your strength at this time

Let me hear from you often if only a postal.

We have sent for an "Electraporise" on 4 mo. trial - and if it helps Mary and Carroll me shall want you and Mary to try it.

Mary asked in one of her letters if the thumb and fingers were entirely healed. No they are not - but they do not trouble me much now. The two fingers are nearly well but the thumb (knuckle) is quite tender, but is improving and I hope it will be entirely well soon. My health is better than usual this summer. Mary is not very strong.

Her head troubles her a good deal. She is hoping to derive great benefit from the Electroporise, and we are all hoping it will not disappoint her.

We are having delightful weather. The corn is looking as well as I ever saw it at this time of the year. We had two good rains last week. The hay crop is very light.

Carroll and I drove out to G.P. Jones' yesterday and had a fine time. With love from each one.

hastily

Your brother Edward.

P.S. It was a narrow escape that Jane had. It reminds me of the time when she and I were coming from Trenton and Robert was a baby when she and the baby got thrown out of the buggy and she thought the baby was killed, but instead of that he was sleeping unmindful of the accident. Hope she will soon recover. Let us know how she is when you write

E.M.S.

Olpe, Ks. Feby. 25/98.

Dear Sister,

We were very glad to get your letter of the 13th inst. in Mary's handwriting It is seldom that we have had a full letter from her pen of late. We sent off ten of the photos when we sent you one and we were wondering if they were appreciated as we were slow in receiving any returns. But we were glad you were pleased with it.

My picture is [illegible]

good as many - too light - and that - makes me look more grey I think. The photo does me injustice if it leaves the impression with you that - I am a silverite. If you could see my upper front - teeth you would be convinced I was in favor of gold standard.

You ask my weight - It - is 126. My health is better than it - has been for a number of years. I had a slight - accident - about - a month ago. One Saturday night - just - before closing the store as I was break - ing a board with my fork for kindlings there was a nail, (bright one) in the board, as the board

broke in to the nail came up against the side of my foot and went in my foot about half an inch. It did not pain me much until after I went to bed. about 11-30 Then Mary got up and bound a piece of fat pork on it. I did not sleep much after that, and in the morning I sent for Dr. Lyle who lanced it and ordered bread poultice. The lancing relieved it but I could not step on it that day. The next day I could not do much, but on Tuesday I was in the store again It is entirely well now.

Will hear from Ogreville

about twice a week. Has his glasses now and is beginning to catch up what he lost in the two weeks when his were being treated.

Mary is much better than she was last fall She weighs about 174 which is a gain of 10 lbs. since thanksgiving. I think she has been using the "poise" a little too much. But it is because she has great faith in it. She does not use it so much lately.

If you have had any photos taken lately we would be glad to be favored

We received a small book of instructions with our Electrophone and when we

got - the Electrotypes for Carroll ~~me~~ they sent us a larger book, which I believe they price at 50 cts. We think more of the first book as it is more simple The larger book is too complicated to suit me.

We are having fine weather. Some of the farmers have commenced plowing. Today it is somewhat cloudy and there are indications of a storm.

Charlie ~~came~~ home last Saturday and returned Mon. He is quite well. Weighs 170

Must close now with love to you both.

Your brother,

Edward

Delphi, Ks. Feb. 28, 1896.

My Dear Sister,

..... Annas welcome letter was received yesterday. It seems so strange that you have been having such cold weather and deep snow while we have at the same time been having such fine spring weather

Yesterday and the day before I was out in the country driving. There is no frost in the ground the roads have worn down

smooth in most places with an occasional mud hole. Many of the farmers are plowing - some sowing oats. The ground is in excellent condition - not too dry - not too wet. This week our town is very quiet. Farmers are too busy to trade or not in need of supplies

We must expect high wind and storms now for about four months but the winter has thus far been the mildest for many years. Today we

need just a little fire in the stove.

We have no dress goods such as you want. Do not carry a line of such goods We have but one piece of black in stock and that is half cotton 36 inch wide at 20 cents per yd. I enclose sample. Have no grey. Our trade is mostly groceries, but we sell shoes and domestic dry goods, notions &c

I was much surprised to hear of the death of Mrs. Pritchard. the mother

of R. R. Owens' wife. I have not heard from him since he was here. He said he would write me when he got home and I supposed he had not returned yet. They will miss her very much.

I was quite interested in reading in the Utica Press the account of the Whitestown Seminary re-union. Did not see your names among the guests. Who is Prof. Ellis? I think he must have been there after I left. Is he a relation of Annie Ellis? With love from

your brother E. W. Everett

Olpe, Ks. June 16, 18.

Dear Sister,

Your last letter was written, I think while Carroll was at Lawrence is still unanswered. Since then Carroll has spent about a week at home and we had a second hand visit with you all, which we enjoyed very much. And now he has gone to his work and then some little time at both Colby and Oakley - has read at each place and in the mean time [illegible] of letters. We think he is quite

well pleased with his surrounding.

And now Charlie is at home so that we have a plenty of help in the store.

The boys want to thank you for the present you sent them with Carroll. Eddie has bought him a hoe with his half dollar and now he has one all his own. I wish you could see his garden. We call it his garden but the other boys help in caring for it. The corn is nearly as high as my shoulders. He has about 200 cabbage plants ~~all~~ and 100 Tomato plants 200 sweet potato plants besides peas, onions, beets, carrots, lettuce, cucumbers,

squash &c all doing well. We have had new potatoes twice but prefer the old ones yet.

We have made no plans for going east on a visit this summer as yet. It all depends on the future. We do not see our way clear to go yet, as much as we would enjoy a visit with you all.

July 16 – Before finishing the above I had an attack of dysentery which kept me out of the store about a week but since then I have felt better than for months.

Mary is better this spring than she has been for the past years. She had the boys do most of the work

and she helps us in the store when necessary.

John and Lina visited with us yesterday. They had been at Griffin the day before, and drove home last night.

We received your postal yesterday. I do not see any probability of visiting you this summer. That visit will have to be deferred until sometime in the future.

We hear from Carroll every week but I am sorry to say I have not written to him in three weeks. I have depended on Charlie to write to him of late I intend to write him today.

Charlie is staging home through

the summer vacation. It is quite a rest to have him to take the lead in part of the work. His health is quite good. The boys are all quite well. Robbie is about as tall, and heavier than I am.

We are looking for a short visit from Carroll about Aug. 1st. He is coming to attend Presbytery, at which time he expects to be ordained. I think he continues to enjoy his work in western Kansas.

We are having fine weather for July - not so dry and not so warm as last summer. The country is looking fine. Crops much better than at this time last summer.

We all send love,

Your brother E. W. Everett

Olpe, Ks. Aug. 4/98.

My Dear Sister.

I think it is about a month since we received a postal from you and I have not replied to it. Last week Mary, Harry and I took long rides. On Monday we went 20. east 10 miles and Tuesday 10 miles 20 west. Thursday was our annual school meeting so we staid at home and attended the meeting. Now we have three catholics for a school board, which is not very pleasant to contemplate.

Friday we went to Emporia, and Saturday was a rainy day.

We had planned a visit to Abbie's this week but Ray was taken sick on Sunday morning, and has not been downstairs until today. His ailment is jaundice. His appetite has returned and this morning we had pankakes and restricted him to two which he thought was not exactly fair. He said "when I get well I am going to have all I want. I will eat eight pankakes then."

On the same day that he was taken Mary had

a little pimple on the back of her hand, on thumb (right hand) which she picked with a pin. By the next day it got painful and her hand swelled so that she poulticed it monday night and on tuesday showed it to Dr Lyle when he came to see her. He first thought it was erysipelas but afterward decided it was poisoned from the pin. It made her about sick last night she said it pained her worse than the felon she had while in Paris.

It is a good deal better today.

She did not sleep
until after midnight.
About that time she applied
the poise to her ankle which
gave her partial relief.

I have never seen
the foliage and crops
and the grass look
so fresh and green at
this time of the year as
now. About three weeks
ago we had a heavy
rain and in the past
few days we have
good rains which have
interfered with haying
but have been fine
for the corn. The early
corn is nearly made.

We hear from Carroll every week. In a letter just received he says he expects to be home the fore part of October. He is kept quite busy. An old gentleman, who had been a member of the presbyterian church for fifty years died their last week and he had to conduct the funeral and preach. I suppose you hear from him oftener than you do from me.

Have you had more rain this summer than usual. I see by the papers that the hay crop is good.

Did I write you that we had a good visit from Mrs Richard Allen of Con. Fallenville about the last of June? She is now visiting her sister in the Indian Ter. and will not return home until fall.

Mary's health is much better this summer than it was last fall and winter. I hope she will soon be cured of the sore hand.

I hope we shall hear from you soon. I know I have been very negligent about answering your letter but am always glad to hear from you.

Our school priviledges
in Olpe the coming
winter are not going to
be as good as last year.
We are to have seven mo.
school in primary department
and only four months
in advanced department.
Last year it was seven
months in the advanced
and four months in the
primary department.
Robbie passed in his
examinations and grad-
uated in County common
schools. It will be his
turn to stay home and
help in the store and let
Eddie go to school.
We all send love.
Your brother,
Edward.

Olpe, Kas. Sept. 13/98.

My Dear Sisters.

I have been so busy for the past month, driving around the county and doing odd jobs outside of the store while Charlie was at home, that I have sadly neglected your good letter of the 9th ult.

We sold the horse that we have had for about five years also one that we took on an account last fall, and bought another, a good driver, quite gentle and we have had a good

many drives in the last month. One day me, Mary and I, started at 2 P.M and drove 13 miles west, beyond the Flint hills, on business, and at sunset we were in the far end of a 1000 acre pasture among the hills. We came home by moonlight arriving at about 10 P.M.

Another day we drove 13½ miles so. east and got home at about 7, but started before dinner.

Another day we drove 3 miles north of Emporia to see a man besides doing a good many errands in Emporia.

Charlie has gone back

to College so that now
I have to stay in the
store and attend to business
We had a good visit
from John Eddie and
little Roberts. They came
friday evening and returned
monday morning. We were
sorry that Ella could not
have been here with them
as she has never been here.
J. E. had not been here for
about six years.
Mrs. Hurd wrote you last
Mary was having a gathering
on her right thumb. It was
quite handful for about two
or three weeks. She had it lanced
twice. It has entirely healed
up now. Her general health
has been steadily improving
for the past six months.

Ray was sick with jaundice only about five days. Is as well as ever now.

Since writing my last to you I had a little experience with the hoise. I was troubled with hiles and was going to cure myself with the hoise and wanted to be thorough - was not satisfied to try it with cold water only in fact was not very cold here in August. I turned on got a good chunk of ice which I rolled all night wrapped with the hoise next to it. I did this for two nights and used it about four hours each night

This proved to be too much and I was laid up for a day or two but I think it was a benefit in the end. I think Mary used it too much last winter and Spring but she has not used it so much through the Summer. I believe there are great possibilities in its proper use but our knowledge of its use is too limited.

I was sorry to learn of the death of Catherine Amelia Pickard. I do not remember having seen her since she was married.

We expect a visit from Carroll in about two weeks

He has been out to Colorado for a ten days vacation which he enjoyed very much

Charlie starts to school this year with robust health this year. He had the tonsils extracted that had been troubling him so much He boards with a welsh family, Jacob O. Jones where a number of the students and one of the professors and wife board. It is a very nice family and they have good board and are near the college. He rooms in a house near.

This is the eighth letter I have written today and it is 8.10 P.M so will draw this to a close

With love to you both from your brother, Edward.

Olpe, Ks. Mch 18, 1899.

My Dear Sister,

We received a card from you a couple of days since saying that cousin Henry is quite sick. We shall hope to hear again soon, and that he is improving. Where does he board now? Does he still have rooms at the Mansion House? I suppose is quite grey now.

We have thought of you many times during the severe winter wishing you were well fortified against the cold. It has been

a severe winter all over the country. We had one Saturday that the mercury remained at 18 to 20 below all day and the next morning it was 31 below.

We have not had much snow but more rain and snow than usual. It is a late spring. Farmers have done no plowing yet.

We hear from Carroll every week. His health has been quite good, and he has enjoyed his work very much. He has assisted in teaching in the high school at Colby morning for about two weeks as one of the teachers was taken sick

but- I suppose they have another teacher now.

Charlie was home two weeks ago but- did not- come today. He recieved your two letters and ought- to have replied to them before this. The college paper with which he was connected last- year is not- published this year and he says the other one has run down so that- it- is not- much of a paper.

I was glad to get- the paper you sent- containing the report- of Whitestown re-union. Who is John W. Thomas who died lately? Was he a brother of W.W. Thomas? Who preaches at- Capel Ucha

and who at Morris Roberts' two churches?

Apr. 1st. This is the letter that I mislaid. I will send it now anyway.

I enclose express money order for $37.63 for interest due today.

Our school closed yesterday or one will have more help now. It has been so cold that no gardens have been made yet and no potatoes are planted. We have frost every night.

We are all pretty well. Hope to hear from you soon. Your brother

E. W. Everett

Olpe March 24/99.

Dear Sister.

We received your card about cousin Henry's being sick about a week ago and I commenced a letter in reply but have mislaid it. I hope to hear that he is improving. Where does he make his home. Is he still at the Mansion house or does he stay at cousin Mary's?

I have not been very well for the past three weeks. Have taken treatment from Dr. Singling.

Homeopathist. Emporia, and I am much better now.

Mary is better this Spring than she has been in many months.

We had a genuine surprise day before yesterday. I went to Emporia, and as I was seated in the car to return, and in came Charlie with a broad grin and Carroll followed him with a young man in soldier dress, which at a glance took for Clarence Allen.

Carroll and Clarence came home with me and Charlie Everett and Charlie Jones came next morning in time for breakfast - and all four drove out to

the farm for a visit with the other cousin and a duck hunt. They have just returned this morning. Carroll received a telegram from Denver from Clarence to meet him at the depot at Colby at 5 A.M. last Tuesday and come east with him. Which he did. Clarence was in the first battle of Manilla Aug. 13 and soon after was taken with typhoid fever and was in the hospital for seven months. He looks quite well now.

Carroll returns to Colby today. Hastily
R. V. Emmitt

Alpe. April 10. 1899.

Dear Dialin.

Your letter was received last-friday. It is hard to realize that you had such banks of snow on April 1st but I know it must be so. I well remember on one april fool day going across the street from the store that I attempted to pick up a ring that I discovered in the path only to find firmly clasped to the top of a hitching post. I quickly looked around to see if

any one saw how nicely I was fooled and replaced the snow over the post- so as to pass the joke along. We had a little flurry of snow last monday to remind me of those first- great snow banks on which I opened my astonished eyes. Sodby the farmers are all busy stirring the ground to put- in a crop.

I will remember as you mention it: of John W. Thomas being killed' I do not- remember this other John W. Thomas but- I do remember his brother Wm at- Waterville.

We thank you for your kind invitation to visit- you

this summer. We do want to visit our friends in N.J. this year but do not promise ourselves this priviledge, and are not making any plans to do so. It would not be an easy matter to be spared — nor a slight item of expense, so we do not promise, pro or con.

Yesterday we all went to Elmendaro to church. The first time in over three months. Found the roads pretty good although rough in places with an occasional mud hole.

When Carroll was home the cousins all got together and had a group photo taken. J.C. Jones' four, S.P. Jones' four and our six with Clarence

the soldier boy in the center. It is quite good of all fifteen. I believe Charlie is going to send you one.

I suppose Carroll will be married before very long. His intended, a graduate of his class in C of E. has been teaching at her home in Pueblo, Col. and her school has not closed yet. Miss Flemming will be a great help to Carroll and as he expects to remain at Colby another year I think it the wise thing for him to do, to have a home of his own and a help meet. He wrote us that he had

performed his first marriage ceremony about two weeks ago. He goes to meeting of Presbytery at Hayes City this week which will bring him within 100 miles of home.

I want to thank you for the many items of news in your last letter. It makes me feel that I had been visiting with some of the friends you mention. ~~Remember~~ Remember me kindly to Miss Elizabeth (Morris) Roberts. and to my many friend who inquire of my welfare.

This is the anniversary of our dear sister Cynthia's birth. She would have

been so had the mind
until today.

Can you not visit
your Kansas friend at
Alpe, Kiowa and Osawatomie
this summer. Would the
journey be too much for
Anna to undertake? I
think that if you were
once here the change of
climate would be beneficial
to both of you. Think of it.

Love from us all

Your brother,

Edward.

Delphi. Ks. Jan 19/03.

My Dear Sister,

I want to write you a note before starting to Emporia with Robbie this morning to say that I received the draft of $67.15 sent by Mr. Cross from you.

You asked what it cost me to get your check $100. cashed here. It cost me nothing. It passed here the same as a N. Y. Draft.

Eddie is going to stay home until evening and Mary and I are going to Emporia to attend to a little work there. She has to call on the dentist.

With love from Father.

Emporia, Kan. March 19, 04

My Dear Sister,

I just got the two mills back from the canal-house yesterday, and will write you a short letter to send with them.

Harry was much pleased to receive the photo of winter scene in Ransom. Mary said it nearly gave her chills to see it. Harry says he wishes he was there. He will write a note to send with this.

I send you a clipping of blue grass from our lawn. It looks very nice after the rain of night before last. We have a few potatoes planted and onion sets, onion seeds lettuce & radish so that if we do have an early spring we will have something growing in the garden. Harry says some of the school children have found wild flowers, tulips, already.

Mary's back is still troubling her but is much better than it was a week ago. The rest of us are well.

A few days ago I met Mrs Hughes, the wife of Rev. J. M. Hughes, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church here, the new welsh church and she inquired for you. She said that you and Jennie travelled with them when they were coming from New York city to Columbus Grove, Iowa. Mrs. Jones is from Utica N. Y. I have not been to their church yet but hope to soon. It is built of stone and brick and is a fine looking building from without. Has stained glass windows and cost about $8000. all paid for when dedicated. Their other church was rendered unsafe by a windstorm last fall and the new one built on the same ground.

With love from us all

Your brother Edward

Emporia, Nov. 28/04

My Dear Violet.

We were very sorry to hear of Jane's sudden severe sickness but as we have heard nothing from you since Thursday hope and trust that she is improving. We shall be anxious to hear how she is.

We all met at Cina's on Thanksgiving day after attending church at 10.30 AM.

Abbie's family were all there except Walter who stayed at home to look after the stock. And our family except Charlie and Eddie, and Carroll's family were with us. We had a nice visit and a good dinner - goose &c.

Clifford Allen who came about Nov. 12 was also with us.

I was very glad to receive the copy of The Cambrian and the two copies of the Church history which I prize highly. The four younger boys would also prize a copy to keep if you have them to spare. I was very much interested in the letter from Rev Dr. E. W. Jones in the Cambrian.

We received a letter this morning from John Eddie telling of the birth to them of a little daughter on the morning of thanksgiving day. Another blessing for which to be thankful. They now have three boys and three girls. Your brother. Edward

Emporia. Ks. Aug. 24/06.

My Dear Sister,

We were very glad to receive the letter from you which came the first of this week. But it brought the sad news of the death of our cousin Robert P. Hughes. The last time I saw him was at Sister Anna's funeral. Did not see cousin Jennie at that time as she was in New York. I am glad that Lewis Everett deferred his return trip so as to be at the funeral.

Charlie was with us a week ago last Sunday but had to return that evening. Charlie's pastor, Rev. Hugh T. Kerr is absent on his vacation during August, and Carroll is to supply his pulpit in Hutchinson next

sabbath. Aug. 26. so Charlie will have a visit with him then.

We have had summer weather the past two weeks. Have had no rain for that length of time. We have been busy canning peaches, apples, and pears also tomatoes. Have been out of work except what I find to do around home. Fruit of all kinds is very plentiful and of excellent quality. Peaches are to be had for 25 cts to $1.00 per bushel We have over forty quarts canned and expect to put up more. This week we bought a bushel of tomatoes and canned them in six. one gall Syrup pails and sealed them with wax. We tried that plan last year with excellent success.

I expect to work at Jones + Olmsted tomorrow.

The boys will soon be back in

school again.

I received a letter from John Eddie this week from Ford. He seems to be in good spirits and good health.

Must close now as it is time for supper and they are waiting for me.

With much love from one and all,

Your Brother

Edward.

Emporia, Kan. Aug. 2/08

My Dear Sister.

It was five years ago last friday (July 31.) that we started to visit you, reaching Remsen on Aug. 2nd. The time has been short and fraught with changes O!, how we enjoyed our trip and visit, both in Remsen and at Irwin How we would miss our brother James if we were to visit the home "under the hill" now.

We will be thinking often of you and your Kansas guests during the coming weeks and hope you will have time to drop us a line occasionally.

Our Chautauqua closed last

Tuesday. Harry, and a few of his schoolmates had a tent. He was there during most of the session and nearly every night. Robert also had a season ticket and was there a number of evenings. Mary and I were there the two Sunday evenings. I was there last Tuesday afternoon and heard Gov. Buchtel of Colorado. a very able man.

Last week I had my vacation. We drove out to Griff Jones' farm, 19 miles and staid two nights. Had a fine time and felt much refreshed. Returned friday noon and found that the head clerk at the store was sick so my vacation was cut a little short.

We had no preaching at our

church today as our pastor is taking a vacation of three weeks.

We are having warm summer weather. Had a good rain a week ago but need more

Did I write you that Eddie and Harry visited Charlie over the 4th of July? Ray has work at Hutchinson in the same store with Charlie earning $10. a week to help him through the next school year.

We had a letter from Carroll and one from Esther last week saying that they had all been spending three days about 20 miles out in the country. Esther said she went a fishing and caught three fish. She also says that Helen has learned to walk.

With very much love, your brother
E. W. Everett

Emporia, Aug. 31/08.

My Dear Sister.

We have not heard from you since John Eddie and Helen and the children visited you and have had but one letter from him while he was there. We have thought of you often during his visit and wonder how you got along with so much company. Hope you kept well so you could enjoy their visit. Suppose they are home now although we have not heard from them. Wish we might have a visit from them so as to have a second hand visit with you.

We are all pretty well.

I would like a long letter in reply to this.

We hear from Carroll every week. Last week they were to have a little outing. Camping out for two nights with a Sunday school class.

Charlie is soon to sever his connection with Rorabaugh Wiley Dry Goods Co. He has entered into partnership with Mr. Davis, his father in law. There are three in the firm. Sewer Contractors. They have a job in Salt Lake City about half completed and one in Hutchinson just awarded them.

Robbie is getting ready to go to a University in Illinois to take a course in Mechanical Engineering. He will start next week. Eddie is still working

at Jones & Stone's. Ray will be home from Hutchinson next week and they will both resume their studies at U. of E.

Harry also will be in school next week or the week following. So the farm boys will be at their studies again.

Hope we shall hear from you soon.

We are having fine weather. Mary has been washing today and making tomato Ketsup.

We all send love and are longing for a letter.

Your brother

Edward

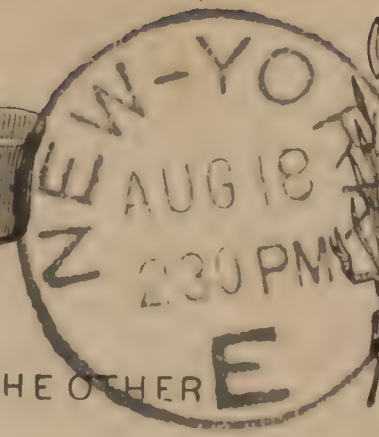
Dear Sister.

The satisfaction papers came in company with your letter of April 3. I have had it recorded. I suppose that if I was to sell this little piece of land that the facts in the case would need to be more clearly set forth, but when I do sell, it will be merely a matter of showing the records, and they can be got at any time so we will not bother about it now.

Your brother,

Edward.

Dear Sisters. I am leaving you
a long time in which to write
till by & by we will be women. I am
working in Dr. H.'s laboratory all
the time & am getting interesting
work to do. Enjoy it very much.
I am quite well. Wish I could see
you in M's nice flat. Think of you
often by day times a day & night
when not asleep. Let us keep up good
hearts. Our Heavenly Father will surely
guide us safely through. Love to



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Evans
(Box 15) Remsen
Oneida Co.
New York.

After 10 days, return to

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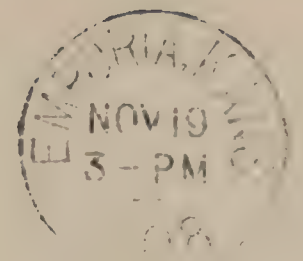

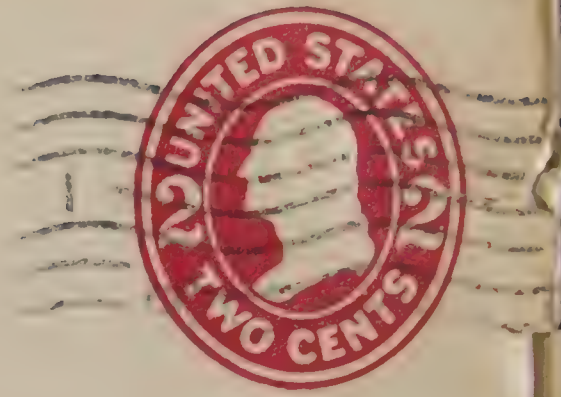

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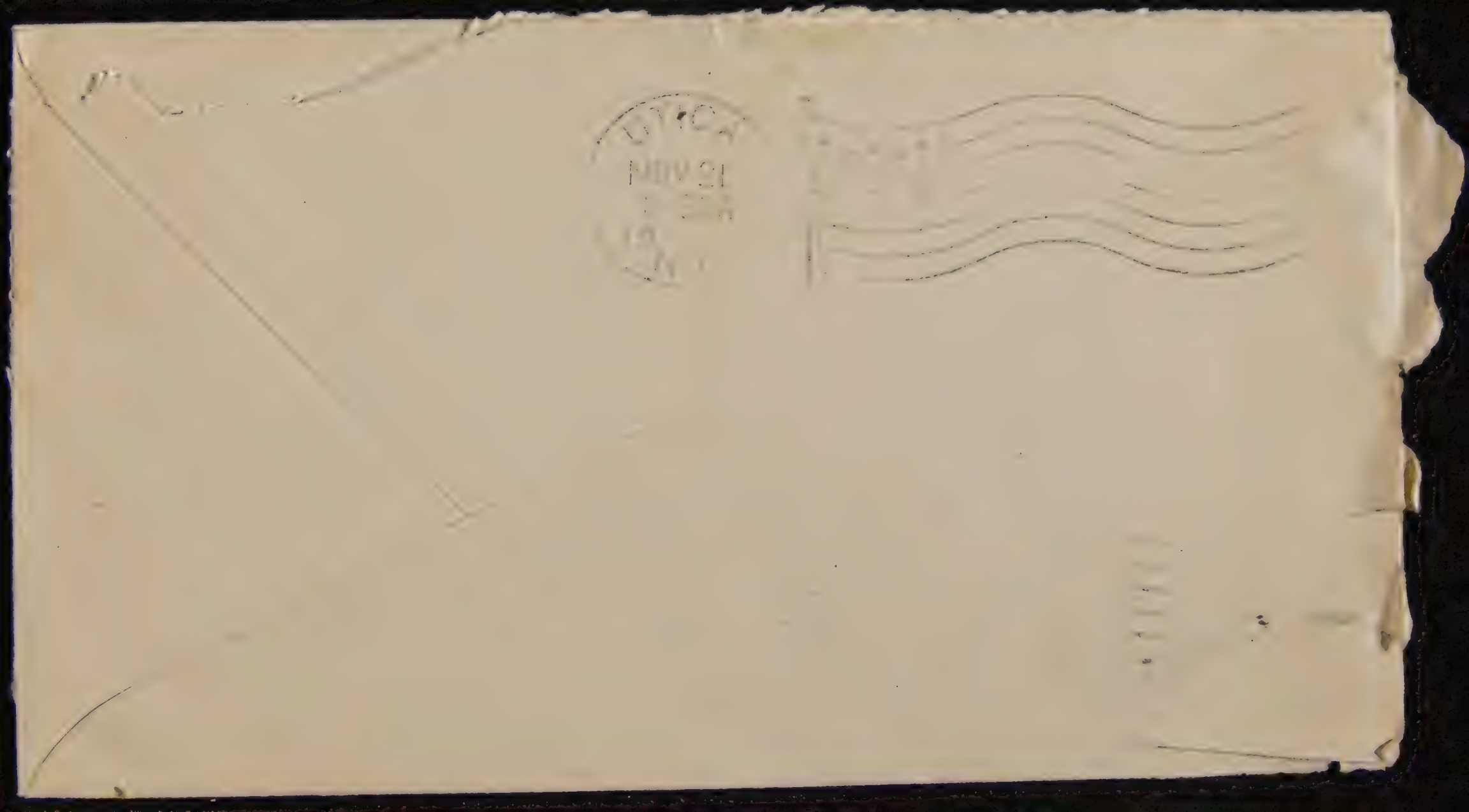

Emporia Ks., Nov. 18/08

Dear Cousin Jennie,

Your letter telling of Sister Mary's accident came this morning. We are very glad that she is having the best of care, and that she is near you. We will be very glad to have you write often that we may know how she is getting along.

We feel very sorry for her and wish we might share the pain with her. This accident calls to my mind the time when mother broke her limb a few years before she died.

Love to you both and to your mother, and to my sister Mary,

Yours, E. H. Everett

Turin. Nov 21st 1880.

Dear Aunt Sarah

I thought I would write to you and ask you how you and Aunt Anna are getting along this cold weather. Grandma has been here four weeks to morrow night. It is storming very hard we all went to sabbath school and the minister did not get there to preach. Grandma and mama are a bearing up the table Charlie sis writing to Aunt Anna. I earned twenty six cents. we have just two hens now and we are going to have one for thanksgiving day. I am a going to study grammar in a little while.

I can skate on the water nicely.
Emma Johnson was here yesterday
and stayed half an hour.
Papa has been two times over the
river with a cutter, the snow is
about 8 inches Deep here. I am
earning 2 Dollars off Papa by brush-
ing my teeth and not picking
my teeth with a pin. I guess I
will close with love to all.

Jorje Garrett Everett.

TURIN NOV 21 1880

DEAR AUNT ANNA

BILL WHITE HAS
GOT A BABY GIRL.
I AM LEARNING TO
SKATE. WHEN ARE
YOU COMING HERE.
I AM EARNING 2
DOLLARS OF PAPA BY
BRUSHING MY TEETH AND
NOT PICKING MY TEETH
WITH A PIN

I GUESS I WILL CLOSE
WITH LOVE TO ALL.

CHARLIE H EVERETT

Turin July 7 1884

Dear Aunties

We received Aunt Anna's card Monday night and was glad to get it. I will tell you about the Fourth of July. Charlie and I got up at half past four & went out doors and fired some fire-crackers and then we went up street and saw them fire off the cannon. Then we came down to the house and had our breakfast and helped mama some, and then we went up street & the procession formed in line. Among those who marched were the Port Leyden and Turin Cornet Band the Turin Fire company, Represenatives of the states, Banner Lodge I. O of H,

and they marched on every street and then they marched to Collins Grove where the Declaration of Independence was read and the oration by Hon. Mr. Welch of Carthage And then we had our dinner. Then came afternoon sports which were Egg & Feather race, Blind mans potato ring squabble, Wheel-barrow race, Sack race, foot race and the firing of the Japanese day fireworks & Ragmuffin Climbing the greased pole And in the evening we had music by the bands and fireworks which were very nice. We had a very nice time. Uncle Jimmie Aunt Amelia & the Children were here. It rained in the evening some. Grandma is here now. How are you getting along now? We are all well. I will close with love from all to all Your nephew Carroll Everett

I have not answered your letter